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Security personnel tear down a tent as others remove a passively resisting protester yesterday from the disputed Givat Hadagan hilltop near Efrat. Police said 213 demonstrators were arrested, 71 of them minors. (Brian Headler)

213 settlers held as Givat Hadagan cleared

POLICE announced that 213 people were arrested - 142 of them adults - and settlement leaders reported 10 people injured, as hundreds of settlers and their supporters were pulled off Givat Hadagan near Efrat yesterday in an operation involving hundreds of police, border policemen and soldiers.

A police spokesman said late last night that all those arrested would be released soon on their own recognizance - except for one man who is to be charged with assaulting a police officer.

The IDF closed the road from Gilo to Gush Etzion to Jewish cars in the early evening to prevent reinforcements from coming to the area and climbing back on Givat Hadagan or another hill in the area. Nevertheless, dozens of settlers managed to reach two other hills after dark.

In addition, hundreds of settlers flowed to Beit El last night to stake a claim on an empty hill there and turn it into Givat Hadagan II. They brought generators and built a number of shacks. By late last night the IDF had blocked roads there as well.

During the evacuation of Givat Hadagan, about 50 Efrat residents went to another hill in the area, called Givat Ha'etam, but were also removed. Leaders of the move to Givat Hadagan promised to keep coming back.

"We realize that if we are not on the hill, the terrorists will be there," said Eve Harow, an Efrat local council member and one of the organizers of the operation. "Desperate people will do desperate things."

OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran and Alec Ron, head of the Judea and Samaria

HERB KEINON

police district, supervised the evacuation from up close. "The images here are sad," Biran told reporters after the evacuation was complete. "I am here to ensure that restraint is used. Neither side enjoys this, but we have to carry out our orders. The law here has to be enforced."

Among those arrested were a number of settlement leaders, including Uri Ariel, head of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, Efrat local council head Yinnon Ahiman, and Elkana local council head Nissan Smoliansky.

The evacuation came in three distinct stages. In the morning, hundreds of soldiers, border policemen and riot police marched up the hill and began tearing down the tents and structures that the settlers erected there during the 12 days they were on the hill.

As the soldiers tore down the tents, people sang "Ani Ma'amin - I believe in perfect faith in the coming of the messiah," and "If I forget thee Jerusalem."

At one point a tent was pulled down around a family, who continued to sit where they were as if nothing had happened.

After the tents and structures were pulled down, orders came to begin moving people. This was preceded by negotiations, via cellular phones, between Biran and settlement leaders.

"You must understand, we are willing to go, but you will have to take us from here. We want this to be a symbol. We will not raise our hands against you, but by the same token we will not go willingly," Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, of Efrat, said to Biran during one of these conversations.

After the conversation, Riskin said: "When the government be-

gins to see how much opposition there is from all sectors, they will understand that they need a referendum, or a change of the government. This is a symbol of our commitment to the land."

After the tents were pulled down, people handcuffed themselves to each other, or chained themselves to rocks.

One man spoke to his wife on a cellular phone saying, "Don't worry, the kids are not in danger." Another father, who left the site, told his daughter before going, "Don't let them push you. If anyone pushes you, take their name and number."

A nursery tent was set up at the edge of the hill, where several mothers with infants congregated.

Joanne Lottner said she brought her eight-month-old to the site because "part of the reason I came here from South Africa is so I can raise my children in Eretz Yisrael. And now they want to give it away. I had to bring my child here."

At about noon, after the police agreed to allow water to be brought to the hill, a Border Police commander gathered his forces and said, "At all costs, don't use brutality. Evacuate them gently. Use restraint, and only minimal force."

People began scurrying to the top of the hill to make the evacuation more difficult.

Rabbi Ya'acov Meidan of Aton Shvut gave a pep talk to a few hundred people gathered around him.

"We will not raise our hand against anyone," he said. "Our battle is with the government, not with the security forces. We will offer only passive resistance. There is one thing more important than the land, and that is the honor of the security forces."

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Arrest warrant issued for Abu Marzook

EVELYN GORDON

ISRAEL asked the US Justice Department last night to temporarily detain Hamas activist Mousa Abu Marzook, after the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court issued the necessary arrest warrant earlier in the day.

Justice Minister David Liba'i told reporters that the government now has 60 days to submit the formal extradition request, complete with an indictment and the evidence to back it up. "The fact that we are requesting his extradition doesn't obligate the US to keep [Abu Marzook] in detention," Liba'i said.

However, he said, the government hopes the US authorities will comply. Liba'i said the government was not deterred by Hamas threats of retaliation, and hoped the US would not be, either.

"We are dealing with a group of people who adhere to terror activities... and they are trying to do the utmost to intervene, to obstruct," he said. "But they are anyhow using terror activities, and terror activities against us. What we have to do is use all means, including legal means, to fight terror."

Liba'i noted that terrorist activities as such are not extraditable crimes under the US-Israel extradition treaty. Therefore, the government is trying to show that Abu Marzook's activities constituted conspiracy to murder and conspiracy to inflict grievous bodily harm. However, he admitted, this approach is not without difficulties.

"The head of an organization generally doesn't go out and commit terrorist acts himself," he said. "He generally works... to raise money, to recruit men, to give directives... This makes it difficult to connect him with particular acts."

Furthermore, much of the information

against Abu Marzook comes from intelligence sources, which can be hard to transform into evidence acceptable in court, Liba'i noted. However, he said, it is Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair's professional opinion that the evidence is sufficient to support an indictment.

According to the request submitted to the magistrate's court:

• Abu Marzook heads Hamas's political bureau, which is responsible for setting policy on all important issues, including terror attacks, and for funding all activities.

• In 1989, Abu Marzook came to Gaza and "issued detailed instructions for setting up an organizational infrastructure for Hamas, including... violent activity."

• Between 1990 and 1993, Abu Marzook dispatched emissaries to the territories several times to arrange Hamas military operations, and transferred funds for the purchase of weapons later used in lethal attacks.

• In particular, Abu Marzook gave a Hamas activist in Hebron \$100,000 in 1992, and the weapons bought with this money were used in attacks that resulted in the death of one soldier and the injury of two others. Some of the weapons were also transferred to Gaza and used in shooting attacks there.

• Abu Marzook sent another \$300,000 to Hamas activists in the territories in 1993, which was used, among other things, to purchase weapons used in attacks against both soldiers and civilians.

• All of these acts, as well as the directives he sent to Hamas activists, "are evidence of his intention that they carry out murders, cause grievous bodily harm, and inflict injuries with

malicious intent." Liba'i said there have been no protests so far from the Palestinian Authority over the attempt to extradite Abu Marzook for crimes which took place in the territories, which it considers under its own jurisdiction. However, he added, "there is still time to prepare additional material" against Abu Marzook for other crimes.

David Makovsky adds:

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said he is convinced that Abu Marzook: not only funded terror activities, but "also gave the orders to carry out attacks."

Peres participated in a meeting with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Sunday night where the evidence against Marzook was discussed. Speaking to *The Jerusalem Post* last night, Peres also said Mousa "stood at the head of a criminal organization," and therefore Israel was obligated to seek his extradition.

When asked if he feared retaliations as a result of Israel's move, Peres replied, "Whoever is afraid of terror, surrenders to terror. We will not be frightened."

The move to seek Abu Marzook's extradition comes at a time when the government has come under some fire for releasing Palestinian prisoners. This fuels speculation that the government is trying to show it has not lost its resolve to fight terrorism.

Furthermore, refusing to seek the extradition of Abu Marzook could send the wrong message to the Palestinian Authority, which is obligated to extradite people who have perpetrated terror attacks in Israel.

Liba'i said yesterday that it was also important to send a message to the US that Israel stands by its side in the war against terrorism.

One killed as truck hits eight cars

ONE person was killed and eight were seriously or moderately injured last night when a cement truck lost control and hit eight cars on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway.

Police said the Jerusalem-bound truck apparently lost its brakes while speeding near the Neveh Ilan junction. Large police forces closed the road as the injured were evacuated to Hadassah-University Hospital at Ein Kerem.

Earlier accidents, Page 12

Disney pays \$19 b for Cap Cities/ABC

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - The Walt Disney Co. said yesterday it will pay \$19 billion for Capital Cities/ABC Inc., surprising both Hollywood and Wall Street with a deal that creates the world's largest entertainment company.

Walt Disney Chairman Michael Eisner said Capital Cities, owner of the ABC television and radio networks, will become a wholly-owned unit of Disney. Eisner told a news conference that his vision of Disney's cable channel combining with Cap Cities' ESPN sports channel to provide a service to be beamed into China and India.

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Shaare Zedek denies IVF to mixed-marriage woman

JUDY SIEGEL

A CHRISTIAN woman married to a Jewish immigrant has been denied fertility treatment at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital because its rabbis ban the performing of *in vitro* fertilization (IVF), or artificial insemination, on a couple not married according to halacha.

The same rule has been adopted by the capital's other Orthodox hospital, Bikur Holim, even though both hospitals receive public funds and fertility treatment is part of the basket of health services to which all residents are entitled. The country's other Orthodox hospital, Laniado in Netanya, does not have its own IVF unit.

"According to the law, no hospital may deny medical services on the basis of religion," Health Ministry spokeswoman Yifat Ban-Hai said. "Because Shaare Zedek is an Orthodox institution, we recognize its special character." She said

the ministry would look into the issue.

"The staff were just wonderful during all the tests, which found that my husband has a low sperm count," said A.M., a "non-practicing Anglican" who has been here for almost a decade. The couple married three years ago in a civil ceremony in England, and have been unable to have children.

They were referred to Shaare Zedek's IVF unit by their health fund. During the third session with a Shaare Zedek fertility specialist a few weeks ago, "the doctor suddenly asked me in the waiting room: 'Are you Jewish?'"

When she said no, the physician told her she would have to go elsewhere to have the treatment performed, although he would be happy to carry out follow-up tests in the health fund clinic.

A.M. said the doctor referred the couple to the private Herzliya Medical Center, where they would have to pay for IVF, even though Jerusalem's two Hadassah-University hospitals and Misgav Ladach Hospital do not have the same rules regarding non-Jews.

"It isn't a matter of discrimination against non-Jews," said a Shaare Zedek spokeswoman. "We would do IVF on a Muslim couple or a Christian couple, or even on a Muslim married to a Christian. But our rules, set by the rabbis, don't allow us to do it for a couple not married according to Jewish law."

"I'm an Israeli with an identity card number," said A.M. "I pay taxes and National Insurance fees. I keep more of Jewish tradition than most of my friends. I'm not anti-religious, but I'm a non-believer who thinks people should live lives they choose."

Yair Levy to be freed after sentence reduced

RAINE MARCUS

FORMER Shas MK Yair Levy, serving four years for embezzlement, will be released from prison next Tuesday after the Prison Service parole board decided yesterday to reduce his sentence by a third because of good behavior.

Levy was sentenced to five years' imprisonment by the Tel Aviv District Court in February 1993 for embezzling NIS 300,000 from Shas's El Hama'ayan association, but the term was reduced to four years on appeal to the Supreme Court. His wife, Geula, was convicted on lesser charges.

In March, Levy was found to be violating the terms of his Prisons Service rehabilitation program, in

which he was to teach at a Bnei Brak yeshiva and return to Ma'asiyahu Prison at night. Reporters and photographers from *Ha'aretz* discovered that instead of working a full day at the yeshiva, he was taking time off to stroll around the city streets, pray at his local synagogue, and rest at home.

Levy was suspended from the program and a committee decided that for two months he would not receive privileges. Four prison officers were subjected to disciplinary proceedings.

During Levy's trial, the judge refused to accept a plea bargain

and jailed Levy for seven years, two of them suspended, and fined him NIS 275,000. Geula Levy was given a six-month jail term which was commuted to community service.

While at Ma'asiyahu, a medium-security institution, Levy filed numerous complaints about ill-health. His lawyer appealed for his early release on the grounds that prison life endangered his life. But a committee formed to examine his claims decided that Levy could be treated adequately in prison.

Despite the irregularities, a Prisons Service report presented to the parole board read that Levy's behavior in jail had been "good."

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A report on the Israeli banking system by Furan and Selz of New York states: "First International Bank is a stand-out versus other international banking comparisons, with operating margins of 38%, net margins of 17-18%, a dividend yield of 4.5%, plus excellent management and a conservative balance sheet and lending policy." January 1995

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Settlers in Civil Guard forbidden to patrol without police escort

BILL HUTMAN

SETTLERS volunteering for Civil Guard units are being forbidden to patrol if they are not accompanied by a policeman, Civil Guard Cmdr. Yossi Zacharia confirmed yesterday.

Zacharia told *The Post* that this policy was in line with the military order under which Civil Guard units were established in the past two years in four Jewish communities in Judea and Samaria.

However, Zacharia admitted that police had informed settlement leaders that the order would be changed, but until now it has not been done. "There were promises," Zacharia said, adding, "the subject is still in discussion."

Zacharia said he supported allowing the settlers to operate without policemen.

"It's something that needs to be done," he said.

Unable to operate without being accompanied by a policeman, the Civil Guard units - traditionally meant to ease the work-load of the police force - have been largely ineffective in the territories, according to settlement leaders.

"I don't understand what the problem is," said Ma'aleh Adumim Mayor Benny Kashriel, whose city has a Civil Guard unit. "We operate

inside our communities so there is little if any chance of confrontation with Arabs."

Other units exist in Givat Ze'ev, Ariel and Ma'aleh Efrat.

"We have dozens of people that are willing to volunteer, but there is nothing [we can] do with them," Kashriel said.

The establishment of Civil Guard units in the territories was held up for years, for fear of a possible confrontation between Jewish and Arab residents of the territories.

Police Minister Moshe Shahal gave the go-ahead for their establishment in 1993. However, special regulations were put in effect to limit their activity.

Police sources said there was an agreement with settlement leaders that the Civil Guard units would only operate within the settlements, so as to avoid confrontation with Arab residents.

However, the leaders were led to believe that in other ways - most significantly being able to carry out patrols - they would be no different than communities within the Green Line.

Kashriel has appealed to Shahal to change the policy.

The two are scheduled to meet next week to discuss the matter.



Soldiers drag a demonstrator off Givat Hadagan yesterday.

(Brian Hendler)

Security forces play rough in evacuation

STEVE RODAN

ASST.-CMDR. Haim Kamarsky organized his officers yesterday afternoon on the southern approach to Givat Dagan, near Efrat, and told the settlers his men were going to play rough.

"We are not going to merely drag people away," Kamarsky said, referring to evacuation efforts hours earlier in which little force was used.

Minutes later, at about 4:20 p.m., about 200 policemen and border policemen, as well as soldiers, moved in. Three of them grabbed each of the settlers, who had been defying an evacuation order of the 11-day encampment. They were dragged off the hill, with many of them placed on buses that would take them to jail.

The settlers were urged to resist arrest, but not strike policemen or soldiers. Still, the scenes were violent. An 11-year-old boy was pounced upon by three soldiers and kicked in the groin. The arms of several of the squatters were twisted.

Council of Jewish Settlements leader Uri Ariel was dragged along the rocks. Moshe Musai, a blind resident of Efrat, was shoved by police, despite the pleas from those who knew that he couldn't move away without help.

The arm of Holocaust survivor Dov Goldstein, 67, of Alon Shvut,

was a bloody pulp after he had been kicked by soldiers.

"They dragged me over stones and kicked me in the ribs, then told me that I kicked them," he said.

Watching the arrests was OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran. "I am here to ensure that we act with restraint," he said. "I am a soldier and I have to follow orders. I will keep my feelings about this to myself."

Those who tried to intervene were also beaten. Likud MK Ron Nahman tried to stop an police officer from beating a teenage girl. The officer, identified as Ch.-Supt. Yaron Meir, threatened to beat him.

"You're a criminal," Nahman shouted and said he would press charges against Meir and another officer whom the MK said was also acting brutally.

The soldiers appeared ineffective. Often, as many as four women soldiers were unable to drag off one teenage girl. At that point, the soldiers would either begin to beat the girls to force them to move or ask the male soldiers to help them.

Biran and several senior officers did not direct the arrests, leaving that largely to police commanders. When Biran was asked about the restraint he had pledged to ensure, he responded, "They shouldn't be doing this. They have been trained to handle the situation."

'Palestinians welcome removal'

JON IMMANUEL

PALESTINIANS welcomed the removal of the settlers but doubted it would set a precedent unless the evacuation is followed by strict government enforcement.

"We still need guarantees that they won't come back. The government must give us a clear message that they won't let the settlers come back," said Shawki Issa, a lawyer with the Jerusalem-based Land and Water Establishment which represented the El-Khader residents who petitioned the High Court against the settler occupation of Givat Hadagan.

"If we have real peace there cannot be any settlers. Whether they stay as Israelis or under Palestinian law. It is illegal. Israel put them there and Israel has to remove them. Israel said it started settlements for security reasons. Well, if there is peace Israel will no longer need them for security reasons," Issa said.

He did not think that the government planned to move any settlements. "If the government is spending millions of dollars on bypass roads it means that they are not going to move settlements at all."

Business council for region comes up in Cairo talks

JOSE ROSENFELD and news services

BUSINESSMEN and government officials from Israel, Egypt, Jordan, and the PLO met in Cairo yesterday to discuss setting up a regional business council, the Industry and Trade Ministry reported yesterday.

Israeli officials are hopeful that an agreement will be reached regarding the concrete proposal to establish the regional business council that will be brought to the Amman Middle East economic summit at the end of October. The plan is to define the roles of the economic organizations in the region and the goals of the businesses and governments participating in the council.

Danny Catrivas, who is representing the Ministry of Industry and Trade and heading the Israeli delegation, said that despite the previous resistance from Egypt and Jordan to the establishment of the council, he hopes that the businessmen from the area would be successful in bridging the gaps between the countries.

ter Raouf Saad said that his country believes "comprehensive economic cooperation cannot be achieved except in the framework of comprehensive, just, and permanent peace."

He added that Egypt is ready to help in discussing "all means to support regional cooperation after peace is achieved."

Saad said the committee will hold other meetings to prepare for establishment of the proposed business council before the Amman summit.

A source at the Egyptian Foreign Ministry said the meeting was low-key and more time is needed before agreement can be reached on what kind of projects the participants could cooperate in.

Representatives of the US and the European Union took part in the meeting, as well as Israeli Federation of Chambers of Commerce president Danny Gillerman and Manufacturers Association managing director Yoram Blizovsky.

Jordan Senate endorses lifting of boycott

AMMAN (AP) - The Senate approved a law yesterday that would formally end more than four decades of adherence to the Arab economic boycott of Israel.

The law will permit business dealings with Israel and allows the sale of Jordanian land to Israelis.

Senate approval, by a vote of 30-3, came five days after the lower house of Parliament approved the measure. It now goes to King Hussein who is sure to endorse it. A royal decree is expected later this week.

Jordanians are concerned that the stronger Israeli economy will dominate that of resource-poor Jordan, and a number of amend-

ments have been made to the proposed law.

They restrict foreigners from deputizing Jordanians for any land sale and demanded government permits for all purchases. Jordanians must also have equal opportunities to purchase land in the country of the person who is buying land in Jordan.

In yesterday's session, the three senate members who opposed the law argued that the boycott must be lifted simultaneously with other Arab states.

"Since the boycott decision came from the Arab League, we have to wait until it lifts it," said Abdul-Majid Shoman, a pan-Arab nationalist and banker.

David Makovsky adds:

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said last night that he welcomed the decision by the Jordanian upper house to lift the economic boycott against Israel. "It is an important event for both our nations."

He said he was optimistic that the way had now been paved for a trade agreement between the two countries. However, he refused to set a date.

Jordanian Ambassador to Israel Marwan Musasher told Israel Radio yesterday that he believed in the wake of the parliamentary move, a trade agreement between the two countries would shortly follow.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Brawl at Ramat Gan demo

A number of people were slightly injured last night when a brawl broke out at a right-wing demonstration held at the site of last week's Ramat Gan bus bombing. Some 10,000 activists attended the protest, which began as a march from Tel Aviv's Dizengoff Street.

A Channel One television crew said they were attacked by the demonstrators.

Shots fired near Hussein's home

Shots were fired near the Jerusalem home of senior PLO official Faisal Hussein last night. Area residents said several Jewish men pulled up in cars and fired into the air. The residents said they threw stones at the men, who then fled. A police spokesman announced an investigation into the shooting, the second this week.

Bill Hutman

SETTLERS

(Continued from Page 1) Elyakim Ha'etzi, who has been preaching this type of civil disobedience for three years, gave directions on how to behave when arrested.

The soldiers divided the hill in half, and began evacuating those at the bottom first. This took about two hours, and netted only minimal results.

The security forces variously pushed, dragged and escorted people to the bottom of the hill. Once the soldiers turned their backs, the people went back up.

Four female soldiers carried Nadia Matar, one of the organiz-

ers of the move to the hill, as she was singing "The People of Israel Lives." Ten minutes later she was walking back up the hill, and then dragged back down again.

One boy was carried down the hill in the arms of a policeman. A man was carried face down, with soldiers holding his arms and legs and another grabbing on to his belt. And a woman, who four female soldiers were unable to carry away, was dragged by the wrist by a border policeman.

"I feel great pain," said Efrat

resident Simona Mir, who was carried off the hill by four female soldiers who could have been her daughters. "I feel great pain that our children are evicting us from our homes. Now they are evicting us from our homes, but in the future the Arabs will come and evict them from Tel Aviv."

After two hours of relatively little success, the security forces regrouped, brought in paratroopers, and went back. This time the methods used were more severe, and most of the arrests were made. By nightfall, the IDF was in control of the hill.

More crisis than breakthrough

ANALYSIS

JON IMMANUEL

THE talks in Eilat got under way yesterday with more signs of impending crisis than imminent breakthrough.

In past weeks, the two sides, full of mutual complements, said it was just a matter of hammering out the right formulas between colleagues.

When the July 1 target date passed, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres huddled with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and then said the principles had been established and had only to be translated into details on paper. Now the principles themselves are under fire.

Israel's chief negotiator Uri Savir has said it all depends on Palestinian "political willingness." Ahmed Qreia, his Palestinian counterpart, says it depends on Israeli recognition of Palestinian concern with land, a final talks

issue for Israel.

The Palestinians are digging in. They have lately scorned dates and insist on going on until they receive the deal they want.

While Palestinians recently preferred to talk in friendly Arab or European capitals, like Cairo or Rome, they are now demanding the talks stay close to home.

Procedure and symbolism are taking second place to results. Arafat has been told by his advisers that the interim accord as understood by most Palestinians is not popular. They say it contains the flaws of the Cairo Agreement in which the PLO seemed to legitimize what all Palestinians consider illegal Israeli control over land.

Arafat expressed concern about the results of a recent Palestinian poll which saw his support drop in Gaza, his base, from 64 percent to 52 percent between April and July. It was unexpected. He had been buoyed by a successful crackdown against his Islamic opponents, and he knew the donors, the World Bank, and Israel were all giving him higher marks.

Arafat has told Israeli officials he wants elections to show he has the support of a majority. Signing the new agreement sets the clock running toward elections. Signing the Cairo Agreement, however, flawed in the eyes of Palestinians, brought him to Gaza. He has every incentive in the world not to sign a new agreement if it will compel him to run in an election in which he is likely to receive less than 50% of the vote.

DESPITE the rhetoric of the last two weeks, Givat Hadagan is not a settlement.

There are no fixed structures there, no one built a real house there, no one lives there permanently.

And yet it took hundreds of soldiers, police and border policemen the better part of a day to evacuate maybe 1,500 settlers.

If this is the effort needed to break up what is essentially a well thought-out demonstration, then what is it going to take to actually evict people from places where they do live, from areas that genuinely are their homes.

Yesterday's action on Givat Hadagan was a test. It was the fight that the settlers have been waiting for months. It is a test for them to see how many people they can bring out; how many people will be willing to go to jail; how many people will be willing to take the day off work and spend it in uncomfortable and harsh conditions.

The 213 people arrested, most of them adults, is - from the settler's point of view - not a bad beginning. It is even better if one takes into consideration that the action took place in Efrat, long believed to be that most moderate of settlements.

The evacuation was also a test for the army and the police, to see how they deal with the need to pull Jews off a hill.

For most of the day, the evacuation was done haphazardly, the soldiers and police seemingly just going through the motions. One couldn't escape the feeling that their hearts were not in it.

The settlers on the hill - with their women and children, their songs and American accents, their instructions not to lift a hand against the IDF - were a tough group for the army to get worked up about. Many of the policemen at the site actually live in settlements around Jerusalem, places like Ma'aleh Adumim and Pisgat Ze'ev.

Were yesterday's protesters Palestinians, or haredim, or settlers from Hebron, it is hard to believe the evacuation would have taken so long, or appeared

to be so difficult. But yesterday's protesters were "part of us."

More than once a soldier or policeman was heard telling someone they were pulling off the hill that they have nothing against them, but are just doing their job.

There were, obviously, exceptions, and as the day wore on, and new reinforcements were brought in, the evacuation was carried out with much more determination, or, as some settlers said, with "brutality."

But yesterday's evacuation has to have the policy makers, both in the IDF and in the government, thinking. If the Givat Hadagan evacuation was difficult, what is it going to be like to evacuate Elon Moreh, Kiryat Arba or settlements in the Golan? Can something like this be pulled off if a large number of soldiers and policemen really don't have their hearts in it, and are just "doing their jobs?"

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The Israel Police requests the assistance of the public in its efforts to find David (Uri) Uriel of Jerusalem, who was last seen in the city on May 15, 1995.

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Unnecessary loan repayments hurt thousands of poor immigrants

SUE FISHKOFF

MORE than 9,000 elderly and handicapped new immigrants from the former Soviet Union continue to have Jewish Agency loan repayments automatically deducted each month from their bank accounts, although the Jewish Agency canceled their debts five months ago.

On February 23, the Jewish Agency announced that immigrants falling into three hardship categories — elderly, handicapped, and their dependents — did not have to pay back absorption basket loans they had taken from the agency when they arrived here.

Most of these loans came to between NIS 1,500 and NIS 5,000 per person. The agency has said it will absorb their cost. According to the original loan agreement, repayment was to begin after a three-year grace period, via automatic monthly deductions from the individual's bank account. The first deductions began in February.

Unfortunately, as Zionist Forum President Natan Sharansky wrote to agency Chairman Avraham Burg last week, payments are being deducted from the bank accounts of more than 9,000 Russian immigrants who fall into the exempted categories.

Monthly deductions average NIS 135 per person, depending on the size of the original loan.

"It may not seem like a lot, but these people are living just below the poverty line," said Zionist Forum director-general Ariela Ravdel.

A typical elderly immigrant couple lives off its NIS 1,677 monthly payment from the National Insurance Institute. The poverty line is set at NIS 1,776 per couple, and NIS 270 cuts deeply into their budget, she said.

"They still have to pay rent, so this money comes from their food budget," Ravdel noted. "Their suffering is enormous."

Zionist Forum spokeswoman Tanya Weintraub explained that when these people signed for the money more than three years ago, it was intended as a grant. Two years ago, the grants turned into loans, and

the immigrants learned they would have to repay the sums they had already spent, mostly on rent.

Hundreds of immigrants have already turned to the Zionist Forum for help.

One is Jerusalem retiree Etti Barzilai, 68, who has lived off her NIS 1,118 monthly National Insurance payment since her husband's death in June 1994. Monthly rental on her apartment is \$330, leaving her virtually nothing for food.

Since February, Barzilai's Bank Hapoalim branch has deducted more than NIS 100 every month from her account. When she went to her branch to complain this Sunday, a clerk told her the bank was aware of the Jewish Agency decision, but had not received any written instructions.

"I still have bread," Barzilai said. "But they don't understand that this makes simple people like me lose faith in the government."

Finger-pointing is rife. According to the Zionist Forum, the Jewish Agency blamed first the Passover holiday, then the work slowdown at the National Insurance Institute, and finally "confusion" at the banks themselves.

"The Jewish Agency is making every effort to remedy the situation as quickly as possible, but it's not dependent on us," Burg said yesterday. "The banks were supposed to put the agreement into effect more than two months ago."

Burg added that Bank Leumi and Bank Discount would begin implementing the agreement "in a few days," but discussions were continuing with Bank Hapoalim.

Bank Hapoalim spokesman Kalman Schiff said "computer problems" were to blame for his bank's continued deductions.

"We asked the Jewish Agency to give us a magnetic media list of the exempted immigrants, so we could hook it up to our main computer," he explained.

"We're talking about customers in several hundred branches. It would be a nightmare to work it out by hand every month."

Casinos get one roll of the dice closer to government approval

JOSE ROSENFELD and Itim

ISRAEL moved one step closer to legalized casino gambling yesterday when the Interministerial Committee on the Establishment of Legalized Casino Gambling appointed a professional committee that will make recommendations on legislation within 60 days.

Last month the cabinet approved in principle the establishment of casinos. Tourism Minister Uzi Baram, who is spearheading the initiative, sees the establishment of a casino in Eilat as the only way to deal with the competition created by the existing casino in Taba and the proposed casino in Akaba.

Baram told the interministerial committee that his ministry had commissioned a public opinion poll which found that 60 percent of the population supports the establishment of a casino, while 37 percent opposes it. In Eilat, 65 percent of residents favor a casino and 21 percent oppose it.

The professional committee, which will be headed by former income tax commissioner Moshe Gavish, who is now managing director of the Mercantile Discount Bank, was directed to consider:

the establishment of a gambling oversight body; the location and number of legal casinos and the types of games allowed; the size of gambling halls; limitations on the placement of gambling machines; taxation of casino revenues; ownership and operation of casinos; licensing requirements; limitations on entry to casinos and advertising; and special law enforcement provisions.

Its members will include representatives of the Finance, Justice,

Education, Environment and Tourism ministries, all of whose ministers serve on the interministerial committee.

Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein suggested that Mifal Hapayis be placed in charge of establishing a casino, but Finance Minister Avraham Shohat opposed the idea. He did agree, however, that the professional committee study the proposal.

Police Minister Moshe Shaleh announced his resignation from the interministerial committee, claiming that in naming a professional committee it was exceed-

ing the authority granted by the government. But Justice Minister David Liba'i maintained that the government had authorized the committee to recommend legislation.

The Masorti (Conservative) Movement, meanwhile, expressed its deep disappointment, telling Israel Radio that Baram had implied there would be casinos not only in Eilat but also near the Dead Sea and in the center of the country. Gambling is against both Jewish tradition and the Zionist ideal of a people living by the work of its hands, the movement said.

Kibbutz teenagers detained after bomb explodes at Ein Harod Meuhad

DAVID RUDGE

AN explosion broke the early morning quiet yesterday at Kibbutz Ein Harod Meuhad, off the Afula-Beit She'an road.

Members who went to the scene discovered that a bomb had gone off outside the offices of the kibbutz secretariat, damaging the door and exterior wall of the premises.

Police were called and the area was sealed off while sappers searched the area for more devices.

A police spokesman said the bomb was a homemade device composed of explosives, a fuse and detonator, and bullets.

Police ruled out nationalistic motives, and detained several teenagers from the kibbutz for questioning.

Police from the Afula station are investigating whether the incident might be connected to a recent fight between teenagers from Ein Harod Meuhad and counterparts from Kibbutz Tel Yosef.

As a result of that incident, members of Ein Harod decided not to send teenagers from the kibbutz to Tel Yosef for summer camp and other activities.



Sgt. Yosef Weinstock, 19, of Bnei Brak, killed in south Lebanon on Sunday was buried yesterday in the military section of Tel Aviv's Kiryat Shaul cemetery. He is survived by his parents, Avraham and Rahel, shown with her son before he left for Lebanon, and a sister, Sarah. (IDF Spokesman)

Tax men, detectives held for selling information

BILL HUTMAN

THREE tax officials and the three private detectives they allegedly sold confidential information to were arrested in Tel Aviv yesterday.

The arrests come after the latest state comptroller's report blasted the Income Tax Authority and Value Added Tax and Customs Department for allowing confidential data to be regularly taken with ease from their computers.

A police spokesman said the

National Fraud Squad has carried out an uncover investigation into the leaks over the past several months, leading to yesterday's arrests.

During the investigation, it was also discovered that policemen were selling information from the criminals' registrar to the private detectives.

The spokesman said that aspect of the investigation was turned

over the Justice Ministry's Police Investigations Division, as are all probes of police criminal misconduct.

The spokesman was unable to say how many policemen were involved.

The officials detained, Tel Aviv residents, allegedly sold details of personal tax files to the detectives, also from Tel Aviv.

The six are scheduled to face remand hearings this morning in Jerusalem Magistrate's Court.

20 Hai Vekayam men held for trying to pray on Temple Mount

BILL HUTMAN

TWENTY members of Hai Vekayam were detained yesterday for trying to pray on the Temple Mount, as the group continued its almost daily attempt to defy the ban on all but Moslem worship at the site.

Thirteen remained in custody last night.

Police played a cat and mouse

game for much of the morning with the group members, who went from one Temple Mount gate to the next in attempt to enter. Eizion said two women pretended to be tourists and got inside, but were detained when they began praying.

Six members of the group arrested last week for trying to enter the mount also remain jailed.

They have refused a court demand to sign an agreement not to reenter the site.

Hai Vekayam leader Yehuda Eizion vowed the group would continue its efforts to defy the ban, in force since 1967.

Fuel prices down

The Energy Ministry announced a drop in fuel prices as of midnight last night.

The price of 96 octane gas is now NIS 2.19 per liter, down from NIS 2.23, a 1.8 percent decrease. Unleaded fuel now costs NIS 2.13, down 1.4 percent from NIS 2.16.

The cost of light industrial fuel oil was reduced by 6.2 percent, while the price of heavy fuel dropped 9.6 percent.

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Arab village aids IDF fund

The workers' committee of the village of Yaffa, near Nazareth, has made a contribution to the Soldiers' Welfare Association.

According to Asher Goldschlager, head of the microbiologists' union who is leading the Histadrut's campaign on behalf of the association, this is the first time an Arab village has contributed. "Without a doubt, this demonstrates a change and closer relations between our two peoples," he said. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Cantor gets 18 months for molestation

A 54-year-old cantor was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment by the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday for sexually molesting a 10-year-old boy.

According to the conviction, the man exploited his friendship with the boy, who was a neighbor, and took him to an apartment six times where he would undress and molest him. He denied all charges, saying he hadn't touched the child. The court banned publication of the man's name. *Itim*

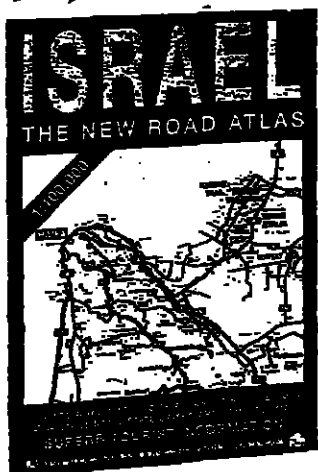
Man wanted for growing marijuana

Police are searching for a Nesher man, 28, on suspicion of growing marijuana in his back yard. The Haifa Magistrate's Court yesterday issued a 48-hour warrant for his arrest. Police said they found 14 marijuana plants at the residence. *Itim*

Maxim movie theater gets makeover

Impresario Avraham (Pashanel) Deshe has bought the bankrupt Maxim movie theater and refurbished it as a 400-seat playhouse for his stable of popular entertainers which include Yossi Banai, the Oshash Hahiver, Sefi Rivlin and the productions created by his award-winning daughter, Shirli Deshe. Maxim is in the heart of Tel Aviv opposite the Disengoff Center. *Helen Kaye*

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FOR ANY WHO CAN'T WAIT FOR THAT NATIONAL REDEMPTION, Joel 2:32 says: "It shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered..." Believing His Name is Yeshua, Grant and Barbara Livingstone "Shalom Israel", POB 24116, Jerusalem *emphasis added; all refs KJV English Bible

FBI suspect seems to fit portrait of 'Unabomber'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A man who has lived underground for nearly 20 years bears striking similarities to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's description of a mail bomber known as the Unabomber, the *Los Angeles Times* reported.

Although the FBI considers James William Kilgore only one of many potential suspects, others familiar with the case say the government should try harder to locate the fugitive.

"He is the only fugitive wanted for bombing and hiding for 18 years — and they can't find him?" said one law enforcement source quoted by the newspaper. "At least if they find him, they can find out whether he is the guy."

The government is offering a \$1.1 million reward for capture of the Unabomber, who has killed three people and injured 23 others since 1978 with 16 package bombs.

Kilgore, 48, disappeared in 1976 after a bomb-related charge and hasn't been seen since. He is best known for his connections to the Symbionese Liberation Army — the terrorist group that kidnapped newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst more than two decades ago.

"I think he's interesting, and you certainly can't eliminate him," said Lt. Joe Enloe, a Sacramento homicide detective involved in the investigation.

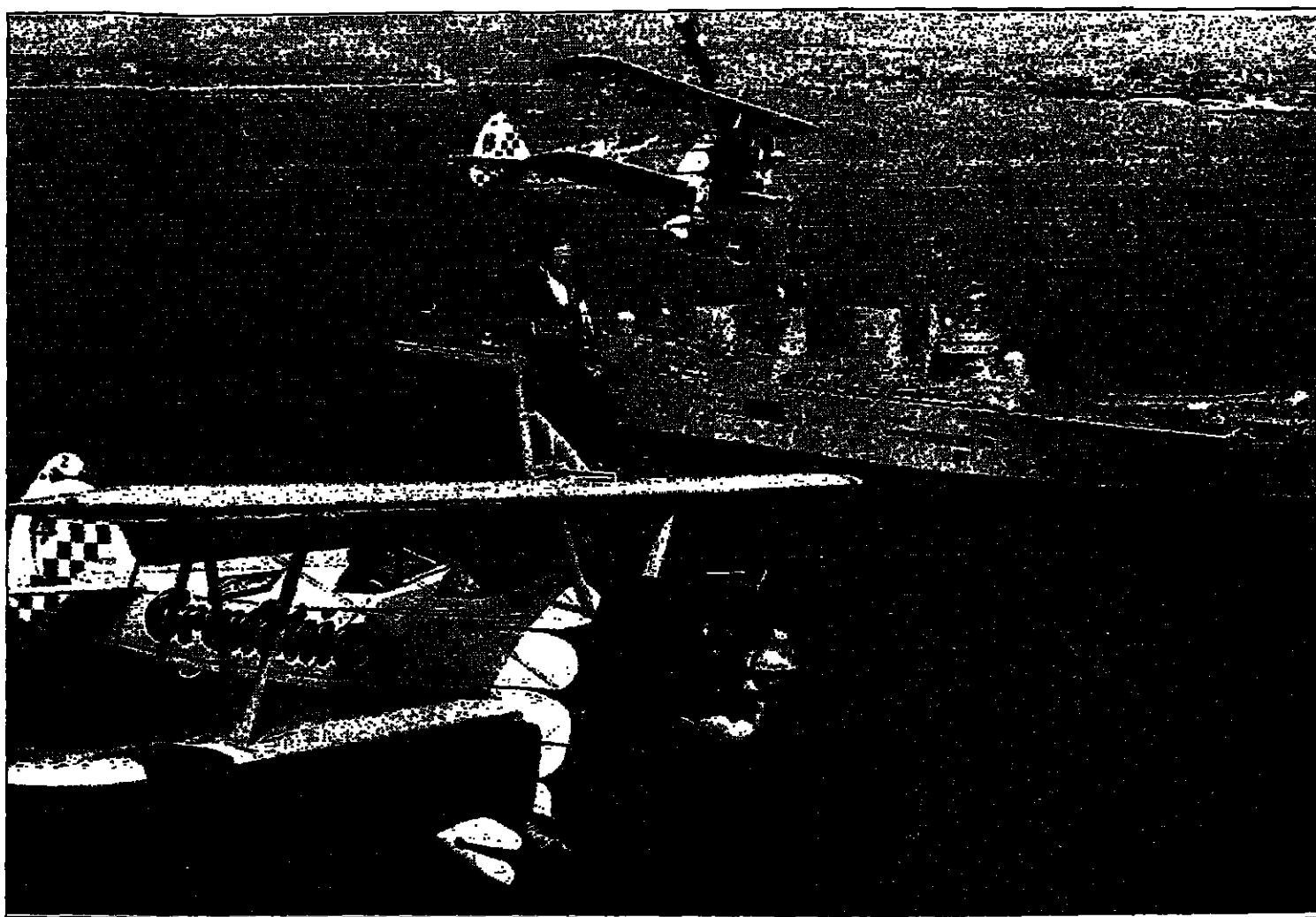
Photographs of Kilgore taken before he disappeared resemble a composite sketch of the Unabomber. His build is about the same, and, like the bomber, Kilgore is white with reddish hair and would now be in his 40s.

Kilgore, born in Portland, Oregon, knew the San Francisco Bay area and Sacramento. A number of the Unabomber's missives have had Sacramento postmarks, and investigators believe he lives there or near San Francisco.

But those who knew Kilgore before he disappeared say he does not fit the picture of an anarchist bomber.

Patricia Hearst wrote in her book that Kilgore was a "model of reason" among a host of botheads.

Michael Bortin, who was once a close friend of Kilgore's, said he was an idealist who once considered becoming a priest. Among those involved with the SLA, Bortin said, "Jim Kilgore probably was the most level-headed."



Two wingwalkers welcome HMS Illustrious back to Portsmouth yesterday after the British aircraft carrier completed a six-month deployment in the Adriatic, where it helped enforce the no-fly zone over Bosnia. (Reuters)

Russia: Deal with Chechens holding

GROZNY (Reuters) — Russian officials and rebel Chechens yesterday prepared an exchange of prisoners under a new military agreement despite shooting incidents overnight in which six Russian soldiers were reported killed.

In Moscow, the Constitutional Court, after several weeks of deliberation, ruled that a decree issued by President Boris Yeltsin last December to disarm Chechen guerrillas had been "absolutely constitutional."

The 19-member court also ruled that a separate government decree also of December 9, which gave the green light for troops to go into Chechnya, "generally corresponds to the constitution."

Russian troops in the breakaway region said army checkpoints and command posts were fired on by Chechen snipers 20 times in the regional capital Grozny despite the deal, signed on Sunday, aimed at ending seven months of conflict.

Interfax news agency said five servicemen were killed in a single incident in which an army column was ambushed. A sixth soldier was killed and 20 others were wounded in other attacks in the past 24 hours.

The incidents highlighted the fragility of the military accord reached in Grozny after weeks of bargaining.

But the two sides all the same reached themselves to swap prisoners seized since Russian troops swept into the region to end a drive for independence.

Sandor Meszaros, representative of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in Grozny, said the prisoner exchange had been delayed "for technical reasons." He told Itar-Tass news agency that it would now take place today or tomorrow.

Delegates to the peace talks hailed the military agreement as a breakthrough which should lead to a permanent solution to the conflict, which has cost thousands of lives.

But the ink was barely dry on the document — the precise contents of which were kept secret — when Chechen rebel leader Dzhokhar Dudayev was reported to have branded it invalid.

His comments, made by telephone to a reporter from the US State Department-funded Radio Liberty, a Russian-language station, threw the hard-won agreement into doubt.

But in Moscow Russian officials said the agreement still stood despite Dudayev's reported rejection of it.

Arkady Volsky, a senior member of the Russian delegation at the peace talks, held up a letter at a Moscow news conference in which he said Dudayev had fully empowered his negotiators to conclude a military agreement

on Chechnya's behalf.

The letter, signed by Dudayev, was sent before the agreement was reached but the main condition the separatist leader had set was that all members of the Chechen delegation signed the accord. "All members signed without exception," Volsky said.

Vyacheslav Mikhailov, the chief Russian negotiator, said the deal was sure to help peace moves. "I think in any case, whatever happens, the agreement is signed and has been signed by people who have influence and are able to exert influence," he told the same news conference.

The agreement also left unsolved the question of Chechnya's political status. The Chechen rebels want full independence but Moscow has ruled this out and says the status issue can be discussed only after elections are held in Chechnya.

Dudayev, elected president of Chechnya in 1991, unilaterally declared independence from the Russian Federation.

The rebels, who have fiercely resisted since Moscow poured troops into the region in December, fought in his name and the delegates to the peace talks were sent with his authority.

The Radio Liberty correspondent said Dudayev had alleged the Russians exerted pressure on his representatives.

China: Only US action can help improve ties

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Brunei (Reuters) — China, still angry over a June visit to the United States by the Taiwanese president, insisted yesterday that improved ties with the US would be impossible without positive Washington action to "correct its mistake."

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman, Shen Guofang, briefing reporters late yesterday also ruled out an early release of Chinese-American human rights activist Harry Wu, saying he must stand trial.

"With regard to the Harry Wu case what we can do now is to wait for the investigation and the trial by the judicial department of China," he said.

US Secretary of State Warren Christopher is expected to demand the release of Wu and reiterate Washington's "one China" policy when he meets his Chinese counterpart today.

The two men shook hands and exchanged pleasantries at a dinner yesterday for foreign ministers attending the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Regional Forum (ARF) in Brunei.

It is the first high-level contact between the two countries since the June visit to the United States by Taiwan's Lee Teng-hui prompted a plunge in their relations.

"If the US side fails to take positive action to correct its mistake then the improvement of Sino-US relations would be impossible," Shen said.

Christopher, whose trip is being seen as a rescue mission to stabilize relations with Beijing, told reporters travelling with him that it would be "hard to envision" a summit between President Clinton and President Jiang Zemin unless Wu were freed.

"The Harry Wu case is an independent criminal case," Shen said.

Shen said Wu, who was arrested in China on June 19, must be investigated and tried. He said the Chinese executive and judicial branches were separate and it was "inappropriate" for the executive to get involved in the case now.

Shen said the question of Taiwan was the most sensitive "sticking-point" in Sino-US relations, adding that the US must "take actions to honor the principles and the spirit in the three Sino-US joint communiques."

The 1972 communiques establishing relations between the two powers enshrined the US one-China policy and its non-recognition of Taiwan, which China regards as a renegade province.

China threatens Taiwan

BEIJING (Reuters) — China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) will not give up the threat of force against rival Taiwan if the island tries to declare independence, Defense Minister Chi Haotian said in a hard-hitting Army Day speech yesterday.

"We will never sit idly by while even one inch of territory is split from the motherland," the Liberation Army Daily said in an editorial to be published on Army Day today.

The two warnings, coupled with missile tests off the Nationalist-ruled island in mid-July, marked China's fiercest threats to Taipei since its President Lee Teng-hui enraged Beijing with a private visit to the United States in June.

"The PLA will not undertake to eschew the use of force, and will not sit idle and let it go unchecked if foreign forces meddle in China's internal affairs to effect an 'independent Taiwan'," Chi told a reception to mark today's Army Day.

Neither would China's three-million strong military sit idle "if

Taiwan authorities are bent on splitting China," Chi said.

Beijing and Taipei have said they want reunification, but on very different terms.

Chi's speech was Beijing's most overt statement of its antipathy to any hint of efforts by Taiwan, a virtual diplomatic parish, to establish a higher international profile.

It follows China's tests of six surface-to-surface missiles just 140 km (85 miles) north of Taiwan on July 21 to 26 along with a string of paeans to its military modernisation and the success of recent army exercises.

Diplomats said they expected President and Communist Party chief Jiang Zemin, who also heads the powerful Central Military Commission, to issue a similarly tough speech today, the 68th anniversary of the founding of the People's Liberation Army.

The Liberation Army Daily editorial, issued in advance by state television, said the army backed Jiang's eight-point proposal in January to reunite with Taiwan.

Red Arrows outfly defense cuts

LONDON (Reuters) — Britain's Red Arrows, the Royal Air Force's renowned aerobatic display team, are safe despite cuts in the armed forces, a senior military source said yesterday.

The source was responding to a *Times* newspaper report which said the team's base in Lincolnshire was to close in September.

Armed Forces Minister Nicholas Soames is now studying plans to move the Red Arrows to another base in Norfolk.

Alternative sites are still being examined and the Ministry of Defense said an announcement would be made in due course.

There was no question of mothballing the 80-strong team or basing it temporarily overseas, the source said.

"The team is safe and will continue to operate," he added.

The *Times* had said officers were suggesting the squadron's 12 Hawk aircraft be mothballed in Cyprus when they return from a tour of South Africa in October and that all members of the team be sent on extended leave.

The Red Arrows cost £17 million (\$27 million) a year but half is recovered through appearance fees.

Einstein College founder Zimmerman dies at 93

NEW YORK (AP) — Dr. Harry Zimmerman, a pioneer in studying the diseases of the nervous system and a founder of New York's Albert Einstein College of Medicine, has died. He was 93.

Zimmerman died at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, where he once trained a generation of neurologists. The cause of death was not immediately given.

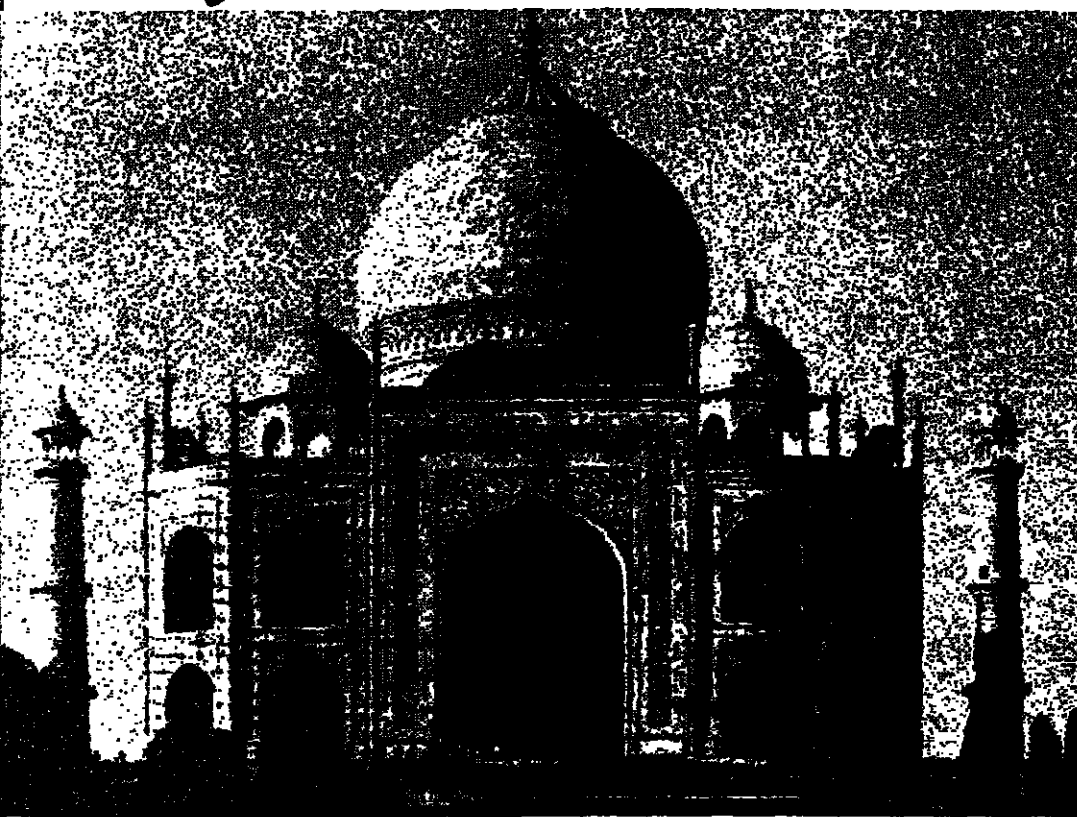
Zimmerman did seminal work at Yale University in the 1930s on vitamin deficiency and the development of tumors of the nervous system. During World War II in the Pacific, he helped prevent the spread of parasitic diseases by prescribing clean sheets.

Zimmerman, the son of a Ukrainian stonemason who brought his family to the United States in 1909, grew up in New Haven and received both his undergraduate and medical training at Yale. He later taught there.

In the early 1950s, when Yeshiva University decided to open a medical college, he became its first director and persuaded Albert Einstein to allow the school to be named after him.

Zimmerman became dean of the medical college and also taught at Columbia University.

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Britain shocked by weekend child killings

LONDON (Reuters) — The distraught parents of three murdered young children begged the British public yesterday to help find their killers.

In a weekend of nightmarish killings that shocked the country, a seven-year-old girl was abducted from a tent, sexually assaulted and killed while two boys were stabbed to death while out fishing on a sunny afternoon.

The little girl's father, Christopher Hook, appealed to "anyone who may know anything, however small the detail, which may help the police find the monster who did this terrible deed to our beloved Sophia."

Sophia had been sleeping with her sister and a cousin on Saturday night in a tent in the

back garden of her uncle's home in Llandudno, Wales, when she was seized.

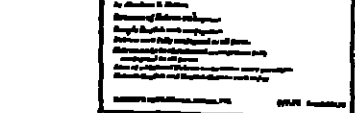
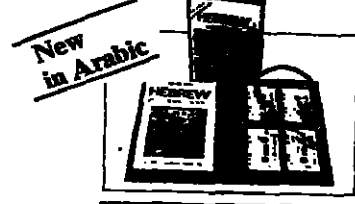
Her battered body was found on a nearby beach on Sunday morning.

"Whoever was responsible for the crime is a very dangerous man, a brute who must be caught quickly. It was a horrifying assault," said Detective Superintendent Eric Jones.

The bodies of schoolboys Robbie Gee, 12, and Paul Barker, 13, were found by police search teams in northwest England after they failed to return from a weekend fishing trip.

Their grief-stricken families said in a statement: "Please help catch this person. Their lives must not be in vain. It must not happen to anyone else."

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Researchers: Flu shots can stimulate AIDS virus

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - US researchers have discovered that even mild stimulation of the immune system, such as a flu vaccination, appears to stimulate the growth of the AIDS virus, HIV, they report in a paper to be published today.

Researchers at the University of California-Los Angeles AIDS Institute say in the August issue of the journal *Blood* that their findings should be used by doctors in deciding which HIV patients should be given flu vaccines.

They caution that while the vaccine increases the production of HIV virus cells, the growth of the virus cells is even greater when those patients actually catch the flu.

The research team, headed by Dr. William O'Brien of the UCLA School of Medicine, suggests that most HIV patients should still get flu shots, "since actual infection with influenza virus may be more damaging."

But patients with advanced AIDS don't have a good response to the flu vaccine "and perhaps these patients should not be vaccinated," they say.

The team said the growth of the virus cells when stimulated by the flu vaccine is temporary and that after a while the levels go down.

They caution that any stimulation from the environment, such as an allergy attack, could cause the growth of HIV cells to increase temporarily.

"What may be happening is that intermittent stimulation from the environment is going to cause frequent small bursts of disease progression," the team said.

The researchers studied 20 HIV patients who were given flu shots and a control group of 14 HIV patients who were not vaccinated. Those who received the shots had a 10-fold increase in the production of HIV cells, while no similar increases were observed in the control group.

Firebombings of Turks in Germany continue

BONN (AP) - As a wave of firebombings of Turkish businesses entered its second week yesterday, the Turkish ambassador demanded better police protection against suspected Kurdish militants.

Assailants hurled Molotov cocktails through the windows of Turkish-owned travel agencies in Bochum and Bremen early yesterday. Neither caught fire, police said. No arrests were made.

In a radio interview, Turkish ambassador Volkan Vural said German authorities must do more to protect the property of the 2 million Turks living in Germany.

Vandals whom police presume to be Kurdish separatists or right-wing radicals have damaged more than 40 Turkish businesses since July 24, and some 150 this year.

"Slowly, the impression is growing both here and abroad that we are incapable of stopping these illegal actions," German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel lamented. "This cannot go on."

Kinkel said authorities suspect the illegal Kurdistan Workers Party, known by its Kurdish initials PKK, is behind most of the attacks. The PKK is a guerrilla group battling for an independent Kurdistan in southeast Turkey. Police believe it has about 5,000 members among the 450,000 Turkish Kurds living in Germany.

Six Egyptians drown trying to save chicken

CAIRO (AP) - Six Egyptians drowned yesterday while trying to save a chicken that fell into a well.

An 18-year-old farmer climbed into the water to save the chicken and drowned after apparently being trapped by an undercurrent in the well, which was about 2.5 meters wide.

Two brothers and his sister, none of whom could swim well, went in one by one to help him, but also drowned, police said.

The family's mother then got help from two elderly farmers, but they were apparently snaggled by the same undercurrent.

All six - and the chicken, which survived - were later pulled out of the well, which was about 20 meters deep. The incident happened in Nazlat unara, a poor village in the southern Sohag province, about 400 km south of Cairo.



A Krajina Serb tank heads towards the Mt. Dinara frontline yesterday, where Croat-Muslim forces launched a massive offensive cutting off the main supply road linking the Serb stronghold of Knin with Serb-held areas in Bosnia. (AP)

Rebel Serbs play for time in Bihac

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SARAJEVO

REBEL Croatian Serbs were not living up to their promise to pull back from the north-west Bihac enclave, the United Nations said yesterday.

UN sources feared their agreement yesterday to a UN-sponsored deal was a ploy to buy time and consolidate against a Croatian assault threatening their Knin stronghold.

Bosnian Croat forces, helped by up to 10,000 Croatian army regulars, seized Grahovo and Glamoc in southwest Bosnia on Friday in a bid to ease pressure on their Muslim allies defending the Bihac enclave in the north.

Bosnian Serb forces launched artillery attacks on Glamoc and Grahovo yesterday, the Croatian news agency HINA reported.

The United States, although anxious not to see a widening of the Balkan war, is pleased Croatia is aiding Bosnian Muslims in the Bihac area and believes this could make NATO intervention there unnecessary, US officials said yesterday.

But Russia said it might seek action by the UN Security Council to halt Croat military action that has stunned the Serbs and threatens to change the balance of power in Bosnia.

Croat forces were "exerting pressure west towards Knin, with massive artillery and mortar shelling of (Krajina) border villages around Strmica," UN spokesman Chris Vernon said.

He said Croat forces "have consolidated their positions around Grahovo and turned their attentions west but only with indirect

fire. There has been no ground movement to follow."

A spokesman for the UN peacekeeping battalion in the Bihac pocket said there were no signs of a general withdrawal and Serb artillery and tanks that powered advances almost to the heart of the pocket had not budged.

"We have found no significant withdrawal and certainly no withdrawal of heavy weapons or equipment," said Major Ole Reith, a Danish officer in the battalion.

"A maximum 500 soldiers out of several thousand that originally came in have left. This could just be redeployment, or even rotation," he said.

But UN spokesman in Zagreb Chris Guinness said about 1,000 Krajina Serbs remained in the pocket.

UN special envoy Yasushi Akashi extracted a promise from the Krajina Serb leadership in Croatia to pull their forces out of the government enclave in far northwest Bosnia.

But the deal was only verbal and Croatia, whose army overran Serb territory in western Bosnia to the point of threatening Krajina's "capital" Knin, rejected it as a sham.

Akashi's spokesman Philip Arnold was disappointed: "The immediate response of the Croatian government suggests they did not study the (deal) very carefully."

"We're looking forward to a more positive response from the Croatian government," Arnold said.

At first glance, the agreement was a major concession by the Krajina Serbs acknowledging that their five-year-old insurgency against Croatian government rule was in jeopardy.

Croatian President Franjo Tudjman had only the day before served Knin with an ultimatum to get out of Bihac and accept talks leading to immediate steps on "peaceful reintegration" or face a blitz from all directions.

But UN sources said the accord brokered by Akashi was more likely a Serb ploy to buy time for fortifying Knin and its hinterland while the UN leaned on Zagreb to show restraint.

US officials accompanying Secretary of State Warren Christopher to Brunei said the Croatian threat was expanding.

"The Croatian offensive continues and is expanding... This is a very significant military offensive both in numbers deployed... and in the nature of what's happening," a senior US official told reporters.

"For the first time, some of the Bosnian Serb gains are being reversed," he said.

US officials are not publicly endorsing the action but privately have given the Croats a green light to become involved in Bihac. However, they said they have made clear it is one thing to aid the Bosnian Muslims in Bihac and quite another to open another front elsewhere.

"We are not in favor of a new front," one said. (Reuters)

Britain denies freezing aid to Kenya

NAIROBI (Reuters) - Britain denied yesterday it was freezing bilateral government-to-government aid to Kenya, saying this aid was programmed to be released subject to Kenyan economic and political progress.

British High Commissioner Simon Hemans said comments made last week by British minister for overseas development Lynda Chalker had been misunderstood.

"She didn't call it a freeze. Program (bilateral) aid is dependent on the ESAF (International Monetary Fund Enhanced Structural Adjustment Facility agreement) and forward momentum," he said after reading a statement agreed with Chalker.

Hemans said this was a condition for British program aid anywhere in the world but perhaps that was not clear to journalists at a news conference

given by Chalker on Friday.

Questioned by foreign journalists, Hemans and other British officials said London's long-standing condition of "forward momentum" on political and economic reforms had been made clear to Kenyan officials at a donors' meeting in Paris one week ago.

At the Friday news conference, which revolved around British programme aid to Kenya and the conditions for it, Chalker said:

"I will not make any further announcement of (bilateral) aid until I am satisfied not only by political reform but also economic reform and respect for human rights."

She said four million pounds (NIS 19.2 million) in program aid was paid last year and she would wait and see before the remaining 11 million pounds (NIS 52.5 million) pledged by London was released.

Hemans said no British program aid was in the pipeline as a first tranche had been released in 1994. The rest was always dependent on IMF agreement on a new economic reform program and forward momentum on political and economic reforms.

"A very wrong impression of British policy has been created in a large number of reports... The basic error is that British aid has been stopped or frozen," said the high commissioner.

"Forward momentum is required and when we are satisfied there is forward momentum that the criteria will be met," added Hemans, who said there were no benchmarks by which to judge such progress.

Speaking of a "fraught atmosphere" because of the wrong headlines, Hemans said he and Chalker were not out of step.

France amends constitution for more referendums

VERSAILLES - A special joint session of both houses of the French parliament voted yesterday to amend the constitution, expanding President Jacques Chirac's powers to make wider use of referendums on economic and social policy issues.

The 877-member Congress of the Senate and National Assembly approved by 674 votes to 178 changes which will also extend parliament's session to a single nine-month period and make it easier to prosecute parliamentarians for criminal offences.

Amid the solemn pomp of Louis XIV's Versailles Palace outside Paris, deputies also voted to ease procedures for lifting deputies' immunity from prosecution.

"The country needed a supplement of democracy," Premier Alain Juppe said in a speech opening the session.

He added that the constitution must "adapt to new circumstances, or else the entire political system could be threatened with sclerosis."

The measures together represent the most significant constitutional change since 1962, when universal suffrage in presidential elections was established.

It is also the first major domestic reform undertaken by Chirac's three-month-old conservative government. Passage had been

expected, since the conservative coalition holds more than the required three-fifths majority required.

The first measure gives the president greater power to put important reforms directly before the people, which could increase public pressure on legislators to follow the president's policies.

"The direct expression of the national will is the surest guarantee of deep commitment without which there can be no successful reform," Juppe said.

Referendums in the past were limited to exceptional circumstances. The last was held in 1992, when French voters narrowly approved ratification of the Maastricht treaty devolving certain powers to the European Union.

Chirac has been urged to hold a referendum on his plans to stage nuclear weapons tests in the South Pacific beginning in September.

The second reform alters Parliament's former schedule, of two three-month sessions, to a single, continuous session of nine months from October to June.

It is intended to lead to more sustained debate and better organization than the previous, fragmented schedule.

(Agencies)

Talks to end violence in Karachi break down

ISLAMABAD (Reuters) - The Pakistani government's talks with the ethnic Mohajir National Movement (MQM) aimed at halting violence in Karachi broke down yesterday, with each side blaming the other for the impasse.

But both sides kept the door open for a resumption.

The fifth round of the talks was due to have begun in Islamabad at 11 a.m. but MQM negotiators did not arrive from Karachi, accusing Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's government of failing to meet their conditions.

The government's chief negotiator, Law and Justice Minister Nabi Dad Khan, accused the MQM of failing to make clarifications sought by the government. He said the government would have responded to those demands at yesterday's meeting.

"It is unfortunate but we are available for talks," Khan told reporters at Parliament House where he said he had waited for the MQM team.

He said he had not received any official word from the MQM team that they were not coming.

"Though this incident is unfortunate and incomprehensible... it is not an end," Khan said, adding that he would discuss the government's future strategy with Bhutto.

Last week the MQM said the talks were deadlocked, accusing the government of side-tracking major issues and showing insensitivity to some of their immediate demands.

"The deadlock continues," MQM chief negotiator Ajmal Dehlavi told Reuters in Karachi yesterday. "There will be no talks today, but we will wait for a clarification by the government for another two or three days," he said.

"If the government does not come up with a positive response in the next few days, the (MQM) leadership will take a final decision about the future of the talks," Dehlavi said.

He said the MQM had demanded that the government stop provocative statements, not raise non-issues and put paramilitary rangers on defensive patrolling rather than raiding localities of MQM followers.

Dehlavi said the MQM also wanted the government to refer to the group, which speaks for Urdu-speaking Mohajirs who migrated from India at partition in 1947, by its real name in the official media rather than call it "Altat Group" after its founder Altaf Hussain, who lives in self-exile in Britain.

He said if these conditions were not acceptable to the government, the MQM leadership would reconsider prospects of the talks and of restarting protest strikes.

Khan said the government had sought clarifications of Hussain's reported views on a regional confederation, division of the Indian sub-continent in 1947 and terrorism in Karachi.

Dehlavi did not rule out the possibility of rescheduling the talks but said there was no point in continuing them when the government did not even recognise the MQM by its real name.

Khan said the government had already told the MQM that it was prepared to begin addressing it by its real name.

Violence in Karachi has decreased over the past two weeks after large-scale security sweeps by police and rangers. Unrest in the city has claimed more than 1,200 lives so far this year compared to some 800 last year.

Texas church handyman held for killing three sisters

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - A church handyman who was suspected of sexually molesting a 6-year-old girl killed the child and her two siblings and critically wounded their mother, authorities said.

John Wheat, 51, was jailed on three counts of capital murder and four counts of attempted capital murder after the four-minute rampage Sunday. A security guard and a police officer also were wounded.

The shooting began after Angela Anderson accused Wheat of fondling her child and was about to contact police, neighbor Michelle Lopez told investigators.

The gunman first opened fire on Ms. Anderson and her three children, killing 6-year-old Ashley and her 8-year-old brother, Eddy. Another daughter, age 20 months, died yesterday. Ms. Anderson, 28, was critically wounded.

"So far, to my knowledge, the children received gunshot wounds execution-style to the head," police Lt. Eddie Prier said.

Ms. Anderson, also shot in the head, was found hiding in a closet, police said.

Witnesses said Wheat was armed with two handguns and a rifle or shotgun when he went into the Anderson apartment.

"I hid when I heard the shots," said neighbor Juan Rosales. "Me and my wife hid in the closet until it stopped. Some kids were screaming and yelling."

Witnesses said the gunman then turned his attention to others in the apartment complex where they lived, allegedly shooting Jesse Crawford, 33, an off-duty security guard, and policewoman Angela Jay, 32, one of the first officers to arrive.

Researchers find new killing field in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH - Members of a US commission investigating genocide in Cambodia have discovered a "killing field" with the remains of about 2,000 people believed to have been the victims of state terror, an English-language newspaper said yesterday.

An estimated 2,000 skulls and other bones were found at a former teachers training college at Sala Damnak, about 25 km southeast of Phnom Penh, said the *Cambodia Daily*.

The team that discovered the remains belongs to a US government-funded project to collect evidence showing that the Communist Khmer Rouge, which ruled Cambodia from 1975 through 1978, was guilty of genocide.

Scholars believe the Khmer Rouge was responsible for the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Cambodians through starvation, overwork and execution. Ousted from power by a Vietnamese invasion in early 1979, the group still exists as a guerrilla movement in strongholds in western Cambodia, from which it launches attacks against the elected government in Phnom Penh.

The bones at Sala Damnak were possibly a memorial created in 1983 by a rival Communist faction that succeeded the Khmer Rouge in ruling the country, said the *Cambodia Daily*.

The head of the American research team, Craig Etcheson, was quoted as saying he believed the site may have been a Khmer Rouge detention center when the guerrillas were in power.

Yale University's Southeast Asia program is undertaking the genocide project under a two-year, NIS 1.5 million contract with the US State Department.

(Translated from the Hebrew)

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Puzzling police actions

IDEOLOGICAL confrontations are seldom conducive to civilized discourse, and it is all too common for the disputants to resort to hyperbole in describing their rivals. Not surprisingly, one of the opposition's favorite epithets for the government is "Bolshevik," averring that it is acting in the undemocratic, oppressive fashion of police states.

Most of the time such name calling is so divorced from reality that it is downright offensive and inexcusable. But yesterday several government actions came close to showing contempt for democracy and the rule of law.

It is not at all clear why the Efrat residents who pitched tents on Givat Hadagan, one of the hills surrounding Efrat, had to be evacuated by the police and army. The hill, legally "state land," is part of the town planning area of Efrat. It has not been formally leased to the Efrat Council or a building corporation, and it cannot be built on without the permission of the civil administration. But the Efrat demonstrators erected no buildings on the site. All they did was sit there, claiming that the government intended to transfer all state lands to the Palestinian Authority and that only their presence there would prevent such a move.

It was their presence which disturbed Peace Now activists. They got Arabs from a neighboring village to claim that the land was theirs, even though when the hill was designated state land, no one challenged the designation with a claim of ownership, as provided by law. The Peace Now complaint gave the government a pretext to instruct the army to declare the land a closed military area and order the Efrat residents off the hill.

The residents offered no resistance to the contingents of the police, Border Police, Military Police, and paratroopers assigned the task of evacuating them. Emulating American sit-in techniques during Viet Nam war protests, they offered only passive resistance: lying on the ground, clinging to each other, chaining themselves, and in general refusing to cooperate.

But according to eyewitnesses at the scene, the police conduct was not what one would expect in a democracy. A Post reporter saw an 11-year-old boy being kicked in the groin, a 13-year-old girl manhandled, a Holocaust survivor kicked in the ribs and dragged on the ground with his head hitting the rocks. All this, in front of OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran.

These cases of outright brutality are shocking enough. But what really beggars belief is that

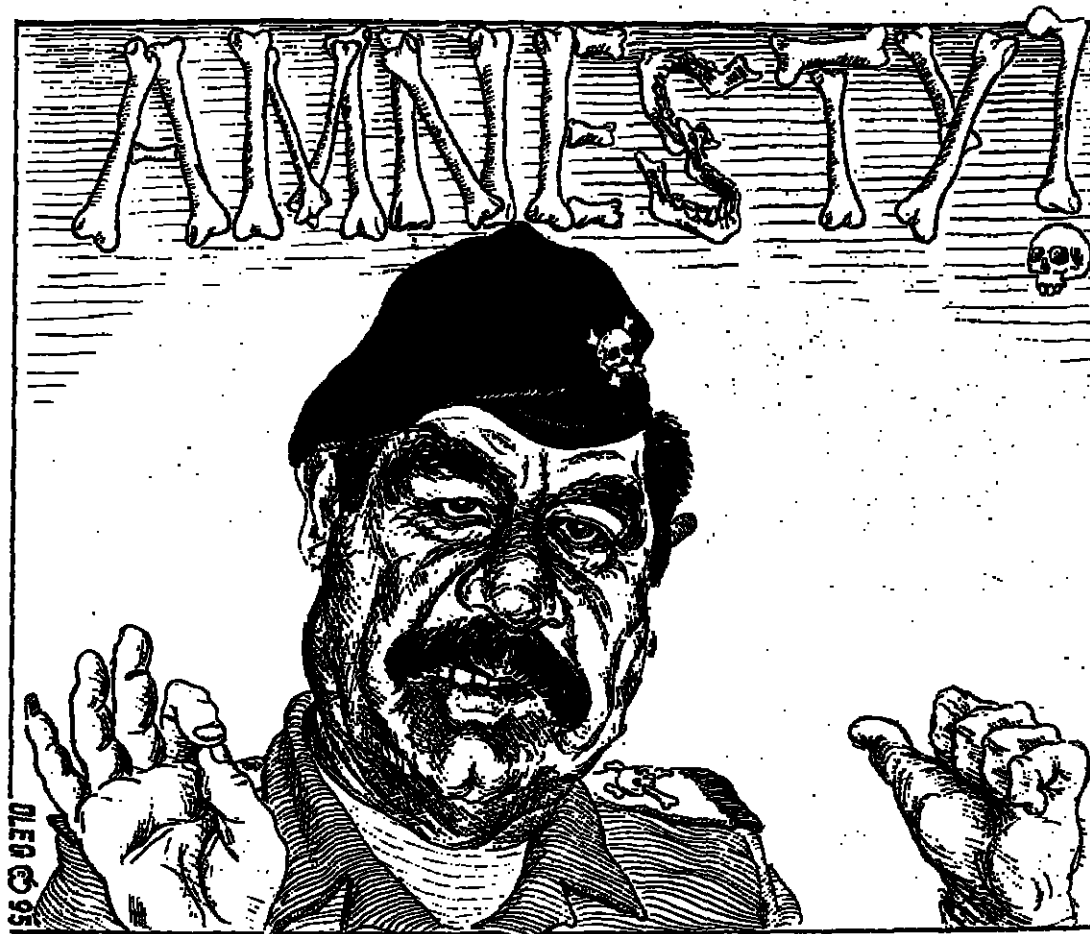
the police and the army deliberately prevented water from reaching the demonstrators. This, on one of the year's hottest days, was not only cruel, but dangerous. Many adults and children suffered from dehydration and sun stroke. More than a hundred protesters were arrested.

To make the day complete, the police boarded the Channel 7 pirate radio ship while it was in an Ashdod Port dry dock for repairs, seized the broadcasting equipment on board, and detained the station head. The pretext for the raid was that the ship contained unlicensed telegraph equipment and that it had broadcast within Israel's territorial waters. But only a few weeks ago Ministry of Communications spokesman Moshe Peri told an interviewer that Channel 7 broadcasts were perfectly legal, since they originated outside Israel's territorial waters.

Had the government always displayed meticulous respect for the law affecting off-shore broadcasts, the raid on Channel 7 might have seemed justified. But the precedent for such broadcasting was set by Abie Nathan's Voice of Peace station, which broadcast for decades from inside Israel's territorial waters without interference from any of Israel's governments. In fact, when a Likud administration once raised questions about the station's legality, it was Shulamit Aloni, now communications minister, who headed the lobby on its behalf.

True, unlike Channel 7, which interviews Knesset members of all political hues, features sermons by prominent rabbis (including Israel's chief rabbi), broadcasts only Hebrew songs, and follows a decidedly right-wing line, Nathan's station focused on rock music, peace songs, and the English language. On Saturday night of October 6, 1973, the day the Yom Kippur war began, the Voice of Peace called on Israeli soldiers to "put down your weapons and give peace a chance." It was outright sedition in time of war, yet the station was not closed.

Under the circumstances, it is difficult to view the government moves against Givat Hadagan and Channel 7 as anything but politically motivated actions against its opposition. That the police and the army are being used for such purposes, and that a popular radio station is being silenced for daring to criticize the government do not bode well. It would be a shame indeed if the peace process, instead of encouraging democratic trends in the Arab world, moves Israel closer to the norms of its neighbors.



Concern yes, despair no

WITH some frequency, journalists, commentators and others have painted a picture of despair, even anguish among those referred to as settlers and their supporters.

With yesterday's evacuation of Givat Hadagan as the latest example, we are told that their world is crashing down, their messianic dreams dashed, their future darkened. Exaggerated figures are released relating to the number of settlers seeking compensation to leave their communities. We are told that the national religious establishment is in search of meaning, having seemingly lost the battle to settle the land of Israel.

Among those for whom the so-called settlers were too pointed a reminder of the pioneering, self-sacrificing generation that has all but departed, the demise of the settler movement could not come too soon. Hence the rather premature obituaries and soon to come postmortems.

They are wrong. The settler movement is not in despair. Apprehensive, yes, anxious about the future, perhaps. There is anger and maybe a feeling of betrayal, but most definitely not despair. Strange though it would seem, there is a sense of optimism, not doom, a feeling that in spite of short-term setbacks, the return of the Jewish people to its homeland will continue to thrive.

On the surface, it is hard to understand this. The tide of events seems likely to end in a Palestinian state in most or even all of the territory captured by Israel in 1967. If any of the communities of Judea and Samaria will be allowed to remain in place, they may stay as isolated pockets, tentatively and perhaps temporarily guarded by Israeli soldiers, fenced in and surrounded. It would seem that there will

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be no new settlements, no growth of existing ones, and perhaps even a slow, or not so slow decline.

Worse yet, the Golan may be about to be surrendered and the entire Zionist enterprise put at risk for the sake of Israel becoming part of some vague new Middle East. The worst-case scenario seems possible. Despair would be most appropriate response.

BUT the settlers, their supporters and most Jews who share an outlook on life shaped by Jewish history and tradition, possess a

We are still the masters of this land, even of this region

sense of perspective that differs from those who cannot understand how the settlement movement can survive.

This perspective sees Jewish history as part of an on-going process which has its ups and downs, its peaks, its triumphs, and even defeats, but an on-going process nonetheless. Seen in the perspective of history, the current situation is a problem, a challenge, but not the end of the road. The road continues, with detours perhaps, but it continues to an end that no one pretends to be able to predict or define with anything more than the most tentative speculation. Seen in the context of two thousand years of exile, of persecution, of helplessness, the present situation is a dream still being enacted, not a nightmare.

Seen in the context of centuries of destruction, of wandering, and finally of the Holocaust, the pre-

sent situation is cause for concern, even alarm, but not despair. We are still the masters of this land, even of this region. We still have the strongest army in this part of the world, the mightiest economy. Soon, more than half of the Jews in the world will live here, a greater proportion than even in the time of the Second Temple.

We may have the worst negotiators, we may be about to make some stupid mistakes, but seen in the context of everything that has come before, we're still living in miraculous times.

In the worst case, there will be difficult times ahead of us, perhaps tragic. But compared to where we have been, these problems are nothing. Who could have imagined one hundred years ago, even fifty, that we could be in a position to choose our borders, to decide whether or not to remain in control of Hebron. Who could have imagined that we would decide the limits of Arab political power in the Land of Israel. It is of course a tragedy, that many of us have lost this sense of perspective and with it a sense of the justice of our cause, of our right to be here.

On the hills of Efrat, several hundred men and women have sung Shabbat songs with the same fervency as their predecessors sang 25 years ago at the beginning of the settlement movement and with no less conviction as that of generations before them who prayed for such an opportunity. On this past Shabbat, people also assembled on Givat Hadagan not out of despondency, but out of hope. These people know, as Jews have always known, that at worst, the Messiah will be delayed.

The writer, an Efrat resident, is a business planner.

Zionism is much more than settlements

DEFENDERS of settlements in the territories occupied after 1967 argue falsely that their Jewish opponents are anti-Zionist. It could well be that some Jews who believe that it was inadvisable, illegal and immoral for Israel to create civilian settlements in land under military occupation, are also anti-Zionists.

On the other hand, some haredi settlers in Emanuel and Beit-El might also be anti-Zionist. I vividly remember seeing a news broadcast from Emanuel on memorial day, which showed the haredi settlers ignoring the sirens for fallen Israeli soldiers. Ideology and geography do not necessarily overlap.

Not only is identification of the settlement movement with Zionism false, in the case of people like myself, who proudly regard themselves as Zionists, it is also slanderous, like calling Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin a traitor. Yes, I do think it was inadvisable to squander precious resources on the settlements with the consequent neglect of infrastructure and social services on the Israeli side of the Green Line. Though I am an expert in international law, I have read convincing articles by experts who claim that Israeli settlement activities in the West Bank and Gaza violated the Geneva convention. I also think it was immoral for

JEFF GREEN

us to confiscate land, through the use of obscure remnants of Ottoman law and other legal technicalities, from people who had every reason to regard it as their own and who had been using it for as long as they could remember.

It was also immoral of us to impose our martial law on a civil-

The establishment of settlements was both irrelevant and damaging to the precious accomplishments of Zionism

ian population, deprive them of civil rights, imprison them by the thousands without due process (using the administrative detention procedure we inherited from the British mandate), restrict their movement, demolish and seal off their houses, and deport them.

Because I want the State of Israel to use its resources intelligently and to act legally and morally, am I an anti-Zionist?

I have lived in Israel for more than 20 years. I am a law-abiding citizen. I have served in my country's army, as have my older children. I have served as the co-chairman of my synagogue, my profession is the translation of Hebrew literature into English for the purpose of spreading the riches of Israeli culture, and making them known abroad, and I try to be an active participant in my country's public life.

I vote for a Zionist political party. I am deeply proud of the accomplishments of Zionism, the creation of a viable state and economy, the ingathering of Jews from all over the world, the creation of modern Jewish-Hebrew culture, the establishment of institutions of higher education, theaters, symphony orchestras, and museums on the highest international level.

The establishment of settlements in the territories was both irrelevant and damaging to these precious accomplishments of Zionism, and it is out of my great commitment to these accomplishments that I oppose the settlements and pray they will not prove to be an insurmountable obstacle to peace.

The writer, a translator, writes a literary column for The Jerusalem Post.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GUR'S SUICIDE

Sir - The late Motta Gur was a major contributor to Israel's security and his memory will always be cherished for freeing the Western Wall and the rescue at Entebbe. Nevertheless, we have to criticize the manner of his death. Our sources condemn suicide, yet because Gur was so well liked and respected, his choice of suicide was unfortunately accepted and respected. This is dangerous. Too many soldiers commit suicide already and this former chief of staff's suicide could further condone and encourage using weapons to kill oneself, instead of defending lives. Motta Gur, the army hero, should not have run away from this battle.

KALMAN FEDER

Nof Ayalon.

A MORAL DIET

Sir - I wish to commend David Ribner for his letter "It's a Frying Shame," (July 16) to protest "McDonald's flagrant insensitivity to the uniqueness of Jerusalem."

While a shift to a kosher McDonald's would be a step forward, I believe that McDonald's and similar establishments present a challenge to basic Jewish values. Modern livestock agriculture and beef consumption are inconsistent with important Jewish mandates to preserve health, treat animals compassionately, protect the environment, conserve resources and help the hungry.

I hope that we may address the many moral issues related to our diets and so reduce the insensitivities to our values.

Prof. RICHARD H. SCHWARTZ
Statens Island, NJ.

SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

Sir - MK Dedi Zucker's ignorance amazed me. Interviewed on television about Mordechai Vanunu's prison conditions, he claimed that prisoners are not held in solitary confinement in any Western democracy. Jonathan Pollard, who spent many years in solitary confinement in the US, the bastion of democracy in the Western world, springs to mind.

LOTTE PINTER

Haifa.

DAMPENED EXPERIENCE

Sir - When I came to Israel I got to the Western Wall. The prayer and dancing there on a Friday evening are uplifting and add to a Jewish spirit as little else can. How sad that this experience ends immediately upon leaving the Wall and nearby plaza.

While walking back with my wife, I was dismayed to see almost no lights on the narrow streets. There were also no police or soldiers present outside of the plaza area. A long, unlit corridor past the Zion Gate led to the slopes of the city. This area is still quite dark and again, no police or military presence. Our experience at the Wall was dampened by the relative insecurity we felt in leaving the Old City in the dark Friday evening.

Dr. RONALD and ANDREA SULTAN
West Orange, NJ.

HATE-MONGER

Sir - Mr. Robert Bogel, president of the Philadelphia Tribune and of NAEP (an association of 250 black newspapers in the US), was recently a guest of Israel Bonds. Zichron Ya'acov is very far from Philadelphia and that I have never heard of Mr. Bogel is due, no doubt, to my ignorant provincialism. Now I have. He was interviewed in Ha'aretz on July 21. Here are a few gems from that interview.

"The Jews of America are a hate group against my group. They perpetuate discrimination, segregation... the Jew is now seen as an enemy worse than the white man." And here is something for Mr. Bogel's fellow Philadelphians on the Bonds bus: "The people traveling with me on the bus would gladly call me nigger with the same joy they did years ago..." and so on.

It would be interesting to know what prompted Israel Bonds to offer Israel to Mr. Bogel as a hate-pulpit from which to throw his odious message. If the Bonds operates on the Bonds bus, it doesn't have to parade to black hate-mongers however politically correct that may seem in Philadelphia.

ALEXANDER Z. GUIORA
Zichron Ya'acov.

CONFLICTING NEWS

Sir - I wish to complain strongly that the TV English news from 6.15 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. and the English news on radio from 6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. conflict. It should certainly be possible to have complementary rather than conflicting news broadcasts between 1 p.m. and 10 p.m. It is very important for Israeli English speakers to be informed as important events are constantly unfolding. Fifteen costly minutes are being wasted because only one program can be listened to.

ADELE DAVIS

Jerusalem.

ISRAEL RADIO

Sir - Please urge Israel Radio to undo the disservice they have done to Israel's English speakers and English-speaking tourists by moving its long-standing 1 p.m. English news and magazine to 6 p.m. Instead, at six, the English news is forced to compete with the 6.15 p.m. TV news and radio suffers.

The imaginative and creative *Thank God It's Friday* has been canceled. *Insight* is no substitute. Neither is the brief 1 p.m. news flash, hardly worth tuning in to. Israel Radio has violated a cardinal rule: If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

STANLEY RABINOWITZ

Jerusalem

NO SENSE

Sir - I wish to express my frustration at the shocking way English-speaking Israelis are treated. Even though many of us do know Hebrew, we feel more comfortable hearing the news in English. There used to be an 8 p.m. news broadcast which was a sensible hour for most families. Then it was changed to 1 p.m., not too bad for most families. Now, for no apparent reason, we are given two or three minutes of headlines at one and the main news is at six, when few families are home to hear it. Also the TV English news is at 6.15 p.m. This does not make sense to me.

EVELYN WALLACH
Ra'anana

Double dose of Molière

HELEN KAYE

I was probably comported to the first of two productions of Jean-Baptiste Poquelin, better known as Molière, in the first Israeli production of the Israeli director Gaby Zelevansky. The second production, directed by the same director, was a play by the French playwright Molière, 'The Miser'.

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IT was probably coincidence that led to simultaneous productions of plays by French satirist Jean Baptiste Poquelin, better known as Molière.

The Cameri is doing *The Miser*, the first Israeli production by Hungarian director Gabor Zsambeki, artistic director of the Katona Jozsef Theater. Meanwhile, *Tartuffe* is playing at the Gesher Theater. It is directed by Yevgeny Arye, winner of the 1995 Knesset Speaker's Prize.

The productions couldn't be more different.

Zsambeki has situated his *Miser* in the 20th century on a junk-piled stage that could double for Fagin's loft in *Oliver Twist*. Arye has left *Tartuffe* in period, on a stage where five mobile rococo doors are the whole set.

"We don't have to change the time to make this play modern, as long as you have a modern understanding of the story," he says. "I'm not against changing period, provided it doesn't hurt the play. Perhaps another Molière would be different."

Arye and Zsambeki rank Molière right up there with Shakespeare as a grand master. Asked how he sees Molière, Zsambeki likes to paraphrase Jewish director Anatoly Efros, saying "it's necessary to climb up to the classics. Not to pull them down to a personal level."

Speaking in careful English, he expands his theme.

"When we do a masterpiece, we have to analyze and try to understand it. Molière magnifies all our bad habits, excoriates them by making them ridiculous. As for *The Miser*, perhaps each of us is a kind of miser, but we learn how to hide it."

"The characters are interesting to us. Molière's great maniacs feel, like us, that life is dangerous and that you have to defend yourself, however false that defense may eventually prove. Harpagon [played by Yossi Graber] thinks it's money, but what we need to see is that his own strategies torment him and the others that are his victims. All are hurt."

Harpagon's obsession with gold leads him to force his daughter, Elise (Shiri Golan), into marrying a rich old man, rather than Valere (Avshalom Pollak), the man she wants, and to keep his son Cleante (Yoram Hattab), in penury. Yet all his elaborate plans fail when Harpagon falls in love with Mariane (Efrat Ben-Zur), the girl Cleante wants for his own. All he's left with at the end of the play are his 10,000 gold coins, while his children attain their hearts' desire.

"What I like is to create real people onstage, and the tragic in characters like Harpagon fascinates me," says Zsambeki. "We have the same characters in our own time. I also think that to do a period show distances it from a modern audience, and also it's very expensive."

"Molière wrote open theater," enthuses Arye. "He was so alive, so funny, so serious and it was all a game to him. We play games today, so I tried to play games with the subject of *Tartuffe*, yet during this game we tell a very serious and very sad story."

"It's the story of Orgon [Boris Ahanov/Leonid Kanievsky] and his family and how he's come by the hypocritical Tartuffe [Israel Demidov/Igor Mirkorbanov] who almost manages to destroy the family. Tartuffe is your basic liar, and Molière hated that. This play is really about Orgon. We are all Orgon, hungry for heroes, and willing to be blind."

Habama throws sense out window

HOW surrealistic—or crazy—can a show get? The answer was provided by Moshe Vardi's amalgam of works at Habama Theater on July 29.

Three dancers in ungainly costumes filled the stage with feathers and wallowed in them. When one of the men took off all his clothes, both taste and sense flew out of the window.

At other times the dancing, especially by Sharon Aviv, was quite attractive.

Elsewhere in the program, two female solos by Carla Grosstein and Michal Shabak were performed with ambitious endeavor and some grace.

On July 20, also at Habama, four gifted performers presented one in a series of *Real Time Compositions*. Anat Shamgar (dancer) and Jean-Claude Jones (musician) were joined by Benoit Lachambre from Canada, and Sigal Bergman. Lachambre entered into the fun of contact dance, sometimes violently but always controlled. It was quirky and looked spontaneous.

Dora Sowden



Linda Pavelka, who with her husband, conductor Asher Fisch, is about to pull up stakes again, has fond memories of singing lieder at home in Jerusalem, with Asher at the piano.

It's on the road again for singer and family

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

SIX years ago, Canadian mezzo-soprano Linda Pavelka risked her budding career for love.

"My agent in New York told me that I was insane to bury myself in Israel," she reminisces about the year when Pavelka followed her boyfriend at the time, conductor Asher Fisch, to his homeland.

"Asher told me there was a lack of mezzos in Israel. We were deeply in love, so it was the most obvious thing to do."

A year later the two married, and two years ago they moved to Berlin, where Fisch won a post at the local Staatsoper as Daniel Barenboim's assistant.

They are now preparing to move to Vienna, where Fisch has been named the music director of the Volksoper beginning in the fall of 1996. Pavelka also signed a contract to become a member of the Volksoper, as well as of the other opera house in Vienna—the Staatsoper.

They have a four-year-old girl, Aniko. "It's a Hungarian name. My family is Hungarian. When our girl was born we expected something tiny and black, and suddenly this huge fat blonde thing came out, and she looked just like my mother, so I had to find a Hungarian name for her," Pavelka says with that sparkle in her eyes that appears whenever she speaks about her family.

Pavelka, who is "thirtysomething," says her age is not your typical singer. Anything but a prima donna, she enjoys talking about life in general much more than about her career.

"I work more from a spiritual point of view. I put my energy to the universe, and I always take what happens. When something

feels right I do it."

There is no doubt that the Vienna contract felt very right. And so at the moment, while performing some concerts with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra at night, Pavelka is studying six new roles, which she will have to perform between September and January in Vienna.

"And I don't even know yet what I'm singing in the second part of the season. I'm learning Cherubino in *Figaro* in both German and Italian, which means learning it twice. I do Orlofsky in *Fledermaus* in a version in which I have to add a lot of Russian dialogue to the role; I do Mercedes in *Carmen*, Hansel in *Hansel and Gretel*, and Siegrune [one of the war maidens] in Wagner's *Walkure*."

She notes that this contract is "a sign of personal and professional growth for me. It came just at the right time. I have sung in Vienna before, but I was immature and insecure as a human being at the time."

She's also looking forward to the city itself.

"Vienna will be much more exciting. It's more international and more relaxed in its daily life than Berlin."

She works hard, but the important thing is "not to become a slave to the job. There is no real point in singing opera in one part of the world and spending some evenings in a hotel room while your loved ones are in another part of the world."

In Israel, Pavelka sang with virtually every orchestra in the country and performed several roles with the New Israeli Opera, including Lena in the recent world premiere of Yosef Tal's *Joseph*.

Pavelka grew up in Montreal and suffered from the local version of racism. "I still remember as kids that other kids threw stones at us calling us Polacks. I did not like growing up there. I despised French, because it was imposed on me. Montreal was not an easy place to live in for East Europeans."

She studied opera in Montreal and performed extensively throughout Canada before embarking on a more international career that eventually led to meeting Fisch and landing up in Jerusalem.

"We had a great time here. Every Friday afternoon I was just singing lieder for fun at home with Asher at the piano. And when sometimes we did not have the time or energy, the neighbors would complain. They sort of liked that weekly concert."

But Jerusalem became traumatic in 1991. "I was giving birth just as the Gulf war broke out and I felt entirely insecure. I was really afraid. After all I'm Canadian, and here there were bombs flying around. I didn't sleep or eat for two weeks."

Still, Pavelka definitely hopes the time will come when she, her husband and daughter will again live in Israel. "At the moment it's not feasible for my husband. But eventually I know it will happen, and I will just love it."

Although living abroad, Fisch is currently music director of the Israel Symphony Rishon LeZion, which is the house orchestra of the New Israeli Opera.

Pavelka sings the role of Alisa in the IPO's concert version of *Lucia di Lammermoor* tonight at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv. Next month she will already be singing on Vienna's prestigious opera stages.

Sound track more like a shopping list than an album

NEW RELEASES

TIKZAH AGASSI

THE advance hype for *Barman Forever*, music from the Motion Picture (Hed Arzi) is enough to make one want to crawl into a cave, hang upside down and go blind, if not deaf to boot.

And yet, one has to admit that the album's line up looks impressive.

It's amazing what money can indeed buy, in this case, the participation of U2, Seal, P.J. Harvey and Massive Attack plus the brilliant, if less commercial, Eddi Reader and the reliably gloomy Nick Cave.

The package is obviously as calculated as a quarterly budget plan, and a smart one at that.

Despite her fruity name, executive producer Jolene Cherry has proven her ability to rake in meat-and-potatoes profits while serving up a sound track which has its moments.

Most of those moments, however, are interludes provided by the small-time artists delighted to snap up this chance to pay off their mortgages and other debts.

Riding on the coattails of a movie which broke US box-office records pulling in \$53 million within a week, it managed to go gold within that same span.

Its first single, U2's "Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me, Kill Me" got to No. 2 on the British charts and the second, Seal's "Kiss From a

Rose," spawned a video which is now making the TV rounds.

Unfortunately, neither song is a breakthrough. U2 isn't doing anything it hasn't done before. Seal's pretty madrigal is actually a rerelease from his last album. P.J. Harvey is less predictable. When she came on stage at this year's Haifa Blues Festival one had hopes that she really is the genius that various critics are hailing.

For a few songs she held together, focused and convincing as

she sang of the shy girl's leap into the tarty stage persona through which she dares to stand up and "Bring You My Love." But after a mesmerizing start she quickly lapsed into mere exhibitionism.

"One Time Too Many" goes in the reverse direction. It starts out with a repetitive drone, but suddenly flowers into a not-so-pretty girl's pained protest against being teased.

When she has something honest and difficult to say, P.J. can spit it out with power.

It is hard to find much relationship between the tracks on this album. Overall, the idea seems to be to attract as wide a potential audience as possible by providing a sampler of every conceivable style, from mainstream to trip hop.

Massive Attack, with Tracy Thorn of Everything But the Girl, does a noteworthy cover of Smokey Robinson's "The Hunter Gets Captured by the Game."

But nothing reaches out and touches the heart as much as Eddi Reader's "Nobody Lives Without Love." It's quite a shock to have her concentrated sincerity leap out at one in the midst of this hodgepodge.

It's not that the sultry Mazzy Star on "Tell Me Now" or the Offspring's punk "Smash It Up" aren't good. It's just that the lack of a thread—other than marketability—connecting the selection becomes wearing. A review is forced to sound like a shopping list, because that is essentially what it is.

Producer Cherry is a smart shopper. She's got her money's worth out of everybody. Nick Cave and the Devlins are particularly good.

But the end result is like browsing through a magazine that provides a varied read connected only by the glossy cover.

'Soldier' has audience in stiches; 'Boytreh' a mock tragedy

THEATER REVIEW

NAOMI DOUDAI

THE GOOD SOLDIER SCHWEIK

By Jaroslav Hasek. Translation and adaptation, Amos Kenan. Direction, Ilan Ronen. Design, Buki Schiff. Music, Eran Dinur. Lighting, Felice Ross-Bar Lev. At Habimah National Theater. Hebrew title, *Hahayal He'amitz* Schweik. Cast of 20 includes Shlomo Bar-Abba, Michael Koresch, Robert Hoenig, Shmuel Segal, Roni Blitz, Yossi Yablonski, Odell Segal, Dov Reiser and Rosina Kamus.

LET'S not kid ourselves. The revival of *Schweik* and the Bosnian-Serb war are only incidental. This version of the classic Czech parody of war and war-mongers has been devised to follow Goldoni's *Servant of Two Masters* as the hit of Habimah's coming season.

As such, it will undoubtedly succeed. It is an unblinking explosion of sheer entertainment. Ilan Ronen, with colorful and eye-catching effects, guarantees

that with his original direction.

In his ironic comedy, Hasek modeled Schweik on the classical scapegoat character as a vehicle for the denunciation of war and the hypocrisy of a society that condoned it. Here was a subtle way of engaging the sympathy of audiences without embarrassing them with direct repudiation.

To say that Shlomo Bar-Abba does more than that is an understatement. A superb and popular comedian, he has only to appear on stage to have half the hall in stitches.

But with all his hilarious gimmickry, endearing mannerisms and audience appeal, artistically he overreaches himself in the role.

That apart, the acting is a sheer delight. With Michael Koresch taking three parts (though with his sly, understated sense of humor, would he not have made the

better, more traditional Schweik?), with Odell Segal caricaturing an extravagant baroness, and Roni Blitz, Igor Borsov, Dov Reiser and Rosina Kamus excelling in smaller parts, this production is one wild celebration.

BOYTREH THE BANDIT

Adapted and directed by Hillel Mittelpunkt from Moshe Kulbak's dramatic poem. Set, Ruth Dar. Costumes, Didi Golan. Music, Ori Vidilavski. Lighting, Brian Harris. Movement, Daniela Michaeli. At the Cameri Theater, Tel Aviv. Hebrew title, *Boytreh*. The cast of 33 includes Shlomo Bar-Abba, Roni Baruch, Yossi Carmon, Teshiya Danon, Yossi Polack, Sassi Saad, Irit Selznova, Zare Vartanian and Yuval Zamir.

A writer with a string of recent successes as long as Mittelpunkt's is surely entitled to one failure. *Boytreh* is that.

This time we can only congratulate him on a commendable attempt to come to grips with ethno-historic material. With this, a genre of current interest, he also touches, perhaps for the first time, another more burning national issue—Jews in violent confrontation with Jews.

Moreover, *Boytreh* offers an unprecedented opportunity to project the prewar Jewish shtetl as it really was. Seen in strict historical perspective, without

saccharine sentiment or cloying nostalgia, it is a picture of grinding poverty and exploitation.

Mittelpunkt spares us none of this reality. Nonetheless, whether on account of unfamiliarity or lack of empathy with the theme, his development is forced, his narrative awkwardly constructed.

The *Nikolaievitch soldaten*, young Jewish conscripts forced into army service in the reign of Tsar Nicholas I, promise a compelling theme. One of them, Boytresh the bandit, is the legendary Robin Hood hero of this Yiddish tale of murder and revenge in a shtetl.

The rich father of Boytresh's beloved betrayed him to the military in order to distance the penniless lad from his daughter. Boytresh's subsequent reappearance

as an outlaw bent on the capture of his promised bride has all the magnificence of Yiddish melodrama. Rightfully, and probably more happily, that is the genre to which it should have been consigned.

Instead, this production is little more than mock tragedy. Despite an impressive cast and quasi-operatic accompanying music, it fails to fulfill the promise of the theme.

Not only is the script anemic, but the leading man is no conquering hero. Yossi Pollak, by no stretch of the imagination any woman's dream-come-true, has been fated to play the golem in many past productions. In this one, as the flamboyant Boytresh, he metamorphoses into a blundering brown Russian bear.

Madrigal nonet focuses on liturgical works

THE Madrigal Singers, conducted by Uzi Zdrovovich, are a small group of nine. Their intonation is impeccably pure and their mellow voices don't grate, even on the high notes.

Their sound is homogeneous and well-balanced. Their program, except for two pieces by Marenzio and Gesualdo, consisted of almost anything but madrigals.

In keeping with the venue, most of it was church music, from the Renaissance of Orlando di Lasso and the Baroque of Buxtehude to the Romanticism of Liszt and the 20th century of Poulenc.

Some of the selections, however, were unsuitable for the Dormition Abbey's notorious reverberating acoustics, which obviously had not been taken into account.

The most enjoyable piece was Buxtehude's *Missa Brevis*. Its solemn tempo and carefully articulated phrases allowed for transparency in texture, without causing the polyphonic parts to get inextricably blurred, as happened

in the other Musica Antiqua pieces.

Liszt's *Ave Verum* and Poulenc's *Belle Ressemblance* were likewise extremely pleasing because, based on harmonic progressions as they are, they did not require transparency but sounded good just because the voices blended in with each other.

An organ Prelude by Buxtehude and Bach's Chromatic Fantasy

for harpsichord, played faithfully to style by Yuko Wazaya, provided a welcome change of sonorities.

This excellent musician can be heard by herself, in a recital for chamber organ and harpsichord, on Saturday, August 5, in the Dormition Abbey, Jerusalem, July 29.

Ury Eppstein

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1995

Disney to pay \$19b. for Capital Cities/ABC

BURBANK, Calif. (Reuters) — In a move that took both Hollywood and Wall Street by surprise, the Walt Disney Co. said yesterday it will pay \$19 billion for Capital Cities/ABC Inc., creating a major force in the entertainment and media industry.

The companies had combined annual revenues in 1994 of approximately \$16.5 billion.

Under terms of the deal, which has been approved by both companies' boards, Capital Cities, owner of the ABC television and radio networks, will become a wholly-owned unit of Disney.

Disney Chairman and CEO Michael Eisner said the deal with Capital Cities/ABC Inc. is "a natural fit" that was arranged only a week ago.

Speaking on ABC's "Good Morning America" program, Eisner said he met Capital Cities Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Thomas Murphy in Sun Valley, Idaho, about 10 days ago and asked him if it was time to go ahead with the merger, a subject they had discussed over the past three years.

"He simply looked at me and said 'OK,'" Eisner said.

The announcement came as merger talks between another major television network, CBS Inc., and the Westinghouse Electric Corp., were reported to be close to a conclusion. Disney had been named as one of the possible counter-bidders for CBS.

"The rumor for years has been that Disney would buy out CBS and now that CBS is having its own conversations [with Westinghouse], Disney must have decided it didn't want to be left at the altar," said Philip Orlando, senior vice president at First Capital Advisers.

Capital Cities shareholders will have the right to receive one share of Disney common stock and \$65 in cash, for a total of \$122.25 for each of their shares, or a 27 percent premium over the \$96.125 closing price Friday on the New York Stock Exchange. Disney's stock ended Friday at \$57.25, also on the NYSE.

The combined enterprise, which will be known as The Walt Disney Company, will be led by Eisner, who will continue as chairman and CEO. Murphy will join Disney's board of directors.

The takeover, the biggest so far in 1995 and among the largest ever, comes less than 10 years after Capital Cities acquired ABC for \$3.5 billion.

The two companies scheduled a news conference with Eisner and Murphy to discuss the deal later Monday in New York.

In a statement announcing the deal, Eisner said: "The merger positions us for substantial growth worldwide and puts us in a strong competitive position in an industry which, by this transaction, we are helping to define. The Walt Disney Company will now have more global outlets to provide the highest quality entertainment, news and sports programming."

The transaction, which is subject to regulatory review and approval of the shareholders of each company, is expected to be completed by early 1996.

The companies noted that because their businesses are complementary, they do not expect staff reductions as a result of the combination.



Walt Disney chairman Michael Eisner (left) shakes hands with Capital Cities/ABC chairman Thomas Murphy at a press conference in New York yesterday to announce the merger. (Reuters)

Biggest takeovers in US history

THE \$19 billion acquisition of Capital Cities/ABC Inc. by the Walt Disney Co. would rank as the second largest takeover in US history in dollar value if completed.

The top mergers, showing target name, acquirer name, year of completion and value in dollars, unadjusted for inflation:

1. RJR Nabisco Inc., merger with Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Co., completed in 1989, \$25 billion.
2. Wellcome PLC, acquired by Glaxo PLC, completed in 1995, \$15b.
3. Warner Communications Inc., merger with Time Inc., completed in 1990, \$14.11b.

4. Kraft Inc., merger with Philip Morris Inc., completed in 1988, \$13.44b.
5. Gulf Corp., merger with Standard Oil Co. of California, completed in 1984, \$13.4b.
6. Squibb Corp., merger with Bristol-Myers Co., completed in 1989, \$12.09b.
7. Getty Oil Co., merger with Texaco Inc., completed in 1984, \$10.12b.
8. Martin Marietta Corp. merger with Lockheed Corp., completed in 1995, \$10b.
9. Paramount Communications Inc., acquired by Viacom Inc., completed in 1994, \$9.6b.
10. SmithKline Beckman, merger with Beecham Group PLC, completed in 1989, \$7.92b.

Carmel receivers want to attach assets of Shapiras

Post Business Staff

YOSEF Cohen and Ovadia Blass, the receivers of the Carmel Carpet conglomerate, yesterday asked the Tel Aviv District Court to attach NIS 1 billion of the assets of MK Avraham Shapira, his wife Tova, his sons Pinhas and Elimelech and Yehuda Nitzan and Ya'acov Ginsburg — former directors of the firm.

The receivers said they are suing them for NIS 1 billion, maintaining they stole assets from the company.

They said their brief in the suit contains detailed evidence, including statements by witnesses, upholding their charges.

The request for attachment says that in August 1994, Avraham and Tova Shapira, through the Concord Company, sold land to the Kiryat Weizmann Park Canada Company, which shows they intend to sell off their assets to prevent the enforcement of any possible judgment against them.

Coalition MKs can vote conscience on bank bill

EVELYN GORDON

A BILL to forbid the banks to do investment consulting suddenly acquired a real chance of passing yesterday, when the coalition decided to let its members vote their conscience on it.

The provision is part of a bill to regulate the fields of investment consulting and portfolio management, which was brought up for its second and third readings late last night.

The debate was expected to last into the early morning, and the vote is scheduled to take place this evening.

In a rare move, the Knesset Finance Committee decided to bring two versions of the bill to the plenum.

One, supported by the government, would allow the banks to continue to give investment advice; the other, by Silvan Shalom (Likud), would forbid them to do so.

Shalom said that Shmuel Avital (Labor) promised to vote for his version, and a few other coalition members promised to "vote with their feet" by not showing up to support the party line.

Frenkel: Halt balance of payments deficit by more private savings, less public spending

EVELYN GORDON

INCREASING private savings and decreasing public spending are both crucial if the massive growth in the country's balance of payments deficit is to be halted. Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel told the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday.

According to MK Elie Goldschmidt (Labor), Frenkel said the savings rate was only around 16 percent, while the investment rate was 22%.

This difference is not yet of crisis proportions, Frenkel said,

but it is worrying, since the difference must be funded by borrowing.

Frenkel reiterated that, while the government's decision on Sunday to cut NIS 2 billion from the budget increase was praiseworthy, the central bank would prefer a NIS 3b. increase.

There is no reason not to make such cuts, he added, because — contrary to rumor — there are vir-

tually no signs of a recession on the horizon.

Exports, employment and the business product are all growing, he said, and in the past few months, there has been an "unprecedented growth" in foreign investment in local companies.

Frenkel also stressed that the central bank seems likely to meet its goal for inflation this year, even if inflation rises during the second half.

Frenkel praised the cabinet's decision yesterday to squash a bill by Knesset Finance Committee chairman Gedalya Gal (Labor) and Dan Tichon (Likud), which would set up an outside committee to approve the central bank's monetary policy.

"The Bank of Israel will remain independent and non-political," he said. "I see the statements of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and most of the ministers on this subject as an unequivocal

vote of confidence in the Bank of Israel."

"When a political body tries to intervene in [monetary and interest-rate] considerations, this causes higher inflation and only short-term gains," he said. "Therefore, wisdom has led to clear divisions of authority, which it is important to preserve."

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat responded that he disagreed with the bill's proposal to put a representative of the business sector on the outside committee, but supported the general idea.

"The influence of interest rates on the economy is absolutely clear, and the ultimate responsibility [for the economy] is mine, not the governor's," he said. "He's made mistakes in the past, and he'll make mistakes in the future, because everyone makes mistakes. It is inconceivable that decisions on such an important matter should be made by a single individual."

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Fund approved for movie industry

HELEN KAYE

TRADE and Industry Minister Micha Harish and Finance Minister Avraham Shohat have agreed to establish the long-awaited \$50 million venture capital fund to boost the country's lagging movie industry.

The fund is expected to go into full operation for fiscal 1996, but Harish said he would try to partially activate it this year.

The government will back 50 percent of the fund, with the rest

coming from local and foreign investors.

The Ne'eman Commission, headed by attorney Ya'akov Ne'eman, had recommended setting up the \$50m. fund on the basis of its finding that a local movie industry was a neglected, but potentially highly profitable export industry.

"There is no conflict between

the promotion of cinema as an art form and an industry," said Harish, adding that the fund would work for the good of all those involved in movies, for foreign investment and for the general public.

A joint Treasury/Trade and Industry team, including industry professionals and Ne'eman himself, has been set up to establish criteria for the proper administration of the fund.

Renovation plan for Jaffa announced

RACHEL NEIMAN

HOUSING Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer yesterday announced plans to turn Jaffa "into one of the most attractive pearls on the Mediterranean shores."

The long-term strategic plan was drawn up by the Housing Ministry, the Israel Lands Administration and the Tel Aviv Municipality.

Housing, infrastructure, public institutions and quality of life will all be dramatically improved, Ben-Eliezer said.

Special emphasis will be put on finding housing solutions for Jaffa's longtime residents.

Ben Eliezer said his ministry's Jaffa office will have the authority to grant special local loans of up to NIS 50,000.

In addition, the Lands Administration and Halamish, the housing company, will begin planning a solution for the housing shortage among Jaffa's young couples.

Madge Networks reaches deal with Lannet

NETWORKING leader Madge Networks announced yesterday it has reached a definitive agreement with Lannet to acquire all its shares in a transaction valuing Lannet at \$300 million.

The transaction makes Madge the world's fifth-largest networking company.

Lannet shares will be exchanged for Madge shares at a per-share price of \$27.50, or a total of \$300m. The transaction is scheduled to be completed in the fourth quarter. Rachel Neiman

'Kibbutz debt a bank error'

RACHEL NEIMAN

THE Kibbutz Headquarters has received information that a bank was incorrect when it claimed for years that its kibbutz client owed a debt of NIS 9 million.

According to a recalculation prepared by the Kibbutz Headquarters of bank records from 1978 until 1994, the kibbutz account in question now has assets of NIS 10m.

The report, presented yesterday to a meeting of 300 kibbutz representatives in Ramat Eyal, indicates that as early as 1980 the kibbutz in question had covered its debt to the bank.

Calculations done by the bank at that time forced the kibbutz to take out NIS 100,000 in loans to cover its debt.

The report presented yesterday refers only to one and not all the kibbutz' bank accounts.

The case has not yet been officially reviewed by the Kibbutz Headquarters' executive committee, but three main points were raised:

- That calculation of interest was done according to a 360-day year instead of 365 days, thus raising rates.

- The bank did not make its calculations retroactive to the day of the deposits but delayed crediting the account for several days.

- Interest was not calculated according to the law.

The Kibbutz Headquarters said it intends to examine the bank accounts of between 10 and 20 kibbutzim.

Based on evidence collected, the headquarters will then demand the Bank of Israel conduct a full-scale investigation into the handling of kibbutzim accounts.

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patash (foreign currency deposit rates) (28.7.95)			
Currency (deposit term)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	5.000	5.000	5.125
U.S. dollar (\$100,000)	4.875	4.875	5.000
Pound sterling (£100,000)	4.731	4.691	4.650
German mark (DM 250,000)	3.000	3.000	3.075
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	1.025	1.025	1.125
(Please vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)			
Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (31.7.9)			
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U.S. dollar	3.455	3.512	3.457
U.S. dollar	2.981	3.010	2.980
German mark	2.144	2.181	2.173
Pound sterling	4.731	4.732	4.731
French franc	0.020	0.021	0.020
Japanese yen (100)	3.361	3.414	3.404
Dutch guilder	1.912	1.947	1.940
Swiss franc	2.584	2.627	2.619
Swedish krona	0.420	0.427	0.426
Norwegian krona	0.484	0.492	0.490
Denish krona	0.521	0.531	0.527
Finland mark	0.707	0.710	0.708
Canadian dollar	2.162	2.212	2.204
Australian dollar	2.194	2.226	2.218
S. African rand	0.516	0.518	0.516
Belgian franc (10)	1.041	1.050	1.048
Austrian schilling (10)	3.026	3.109	3.100
Italian lire (1,000)	1.894	1.895	1.893
Jordanian dinar	—	—	—
Egyptian pound	—	—	—
ECU	3.885	4.022	4.015
Irish punt	4.829	4.971	4.967
Spanish peseta (100)	2.454	2.537	2.531

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'Grandma' Ottey still the one to beat

LONDON (Reuters) - Merlene Ottey, self-styled grandmother of the track, shows no sign of slowing 15 years after winning a 200 meters bronze in the Moscow Olympics.

Although most of her opponents in this week's Gothenburg world championships were children when the 35-year-old Jamaican was running in Moscow, Ottey remains the opponent to beat.

"I am the grandmother of the track but they should watch out," she says. "They are still afraid of me and can't wait for me to retire."

Although sprinters, both male and female, are prolonging their careers well into their 30s thanks to better diets, better equipment and training, and the lure of substantial pay days, Ottey is a phenomenon.

She was ranked in the world's top 10 sprinters every season between 1980 and 1993 and went unbeaten in 88 races from May 1989 to March 1991. So far this year she is the current world leader over 100 meters and second over 200m.

Two years ago, at the world championships in Stuttgart, she won the first major outdoor gold medal of her career in the 200m after losing out on the 100m gold by just 0.01 of a second to American Gail Devers.

Before that she had won four Olympic and five world bronze medals and a 1983 world silver.

Her first international honor came as long ago as 1979 when she won what would prove to be the first of many bronzes, in the 200m in the Pan American Games.

In all that time, one special prize has eluded her, and that is an Olympic gold. She may well retain her world 200m crown in Gothenburg and even win the 100m, but an Olympic title is the one ambition she would love to fulfill before retiring.

"When I won the Olympic bronze in 1980, it did nothing for me," she says. "And bronze medals in the 100 and 200 in Los Angeles didn't do anything for me either. In fact my sponsor dropped me afterwards."

She failed to win a medal in

1988 but picked up another 200m bronze in Barcelona three years ago.

"If I go to the Olympics there will be a lot of pressure on me to win at the age of 36," she says, "but I don't know how much longer I can keep going. I will definitely get out sooner rather than later, sooner than end up an also-ran."

Ottey may be one of the sports few superstars, but she has few pretensions.

She has set up the Merlene Ottey Foundation in Jamaica for handicapped children and helps sponsor their participation in the Special Olympics.

Meanwhile yesterday, the International Amateur Athletic Federation decided to send the case of British runner Diane Modahl to arbitration.

Modahl had been suspended by the IAAF for four years last December for failing a drug test, but the 800m runner won an appeal to an independent commission appointed by the British Athletics Federation last week.

Chairman of the IAAF doping commission Arne Ljungqvist said the case should be heard within three months.

Modahl, 29, was banned after tests taken at a meeting in Lisbon showed she had 42 times the legal amount of testosterone.

She protested that the urine samples had been contaminated in Lisbon and that the testing procedures were flawed.

The IAAF has always backed its testing procedures.

In other developments, Briton Sally Gunnell, already reconciled to being unable to defend her 400m hurdles title, now looks likely to pull out of the 4x400m relay as well.

Gunnell had hoped to run in the relay as consolation for abandoning her defense of the hurdles title, but had disappointing results in two 400m races in Germany. She finished third in London and sixth in Rhede.

"She was disappointed with the times and believes she would not be able to do full justice to the team," the spokesman said.



ON THE GO - Merlene Ottey is still burning up the track at age 35.

English soccer clubs' financial health declines

LONDON (Reuters) - The financial health of English soccer clubs is in decline, even though they are generating record turnover.

The accounting firm Touche Ross said its annual survey of soccer club accounts showed that while professional clubs' turnover rose 20 percent to £387 million in 1993/94, the clubs generated profit of only £12,000.

Most profits are being generated by Premier League sides, with clubs in lower divisions posting average losses of £416,000 - up from average losses of £379,000 in 1992/93.

"The gap between the top clubs and those in the lower divisions is getting wider," said Gerry Boon, chairman of the Touche Ross Football Industry Team.

Only 39% of all clubs posted operating profits in 1993/94, down from 41% the previous year.

"The costs of running a football club have increased significantly, due principally to a substantial increase in players' wages and salaries," said Boon.

Players' wages and salaries totaled £140m in 1993/94, swallowing 55% of the total turnover of all

professional clubs.

Players' earnings rose 19% in 1993/94. Total fees rose to a record £92m from £73m the previous season.

Higher wages and salaries in the premier league are having a "knock-off effect" throughout the game, Boon said. But unless clubs in the lower divisions greatly develop their off-field activities they may be unable to support the wages and salaries.

The trend of Premier League clubs buying players from abroad has exacerbated the plight of clubs in the lower divisions, he said.

Boon said gate receipts and season ticket income were insufficient to cover players' wages and salaries in the Football League.

"Only through either higher ticket prices and attendances or an increase in commercial income can clubs generate enough revenue to cover the cost of employing their 'major assets,'" he said.

Manchester United was the most successful club in 1993/94 - when it retained its Premier League title - with profits of £11m.

Auto show stays on the right track

CAN'T tell an oil filter from an oil pan? Feel like your auto mechanic's taking you for a ride?

You make not become Mr. Goodwrench overnight, but catching Sports Channel's "Wild About Wheels" (weekdays, 5 p.m.) will at least make you FEEL better about cars. After tuning in, you may even better understand one of those indecipherable items on your last car repair bill.

What at first glance seemed like another one of Sports Channel's summer fillers turned out to be a good deal more fun than "Burnt Toast" and some of the other vacation fare Sports Channel's been sticking us with between endless Copa America and "Extreme Games" coverage.

Doing a lap with this US import really offers something for everyone. Our favorite part is the great footage from years gone by, be it shots of the first Soap Box Derby to go with a segment on that contest's latest updates, or film of 1950's era cars zooming around the track at speeds we never dared try on our old man's Plymouth.

SPORTSWATCH

ARYEH DEAN COHEN

True, there's a tendency in the kids' segments to get a little too sweet. In the Soapbox Derby feature, we had to suffer through toothy Tracy Dietrich, one of the competitors, telling us how "When you win, you just get a real thrill." It made us want to throw a can of DW-40 at her.

Still, it's hard to fault a program that carries a feature on both crash dummies AND the evolution of one of our all-time favorite cars, the Mustang. On trips to day camp in the Bronx in the mid '60s, we made a game of counting all our beloved Mustangs on the highways, and the feature on evolution of our favorite Ford was great fun, replete with Beach Boys-type music.

Crash dummies Vince and Larry delivered some safety tip one-liners ("If you don't use your safety belt, you'll get a MUCH better view of the road.") after some fine footage of the first crash tests with tiny car models

and what looked like some No. 3 eggs.

The best spot on a recent program was a visit to Muncie Motors of Connecticut, where everything from scale models of a 1955 Cadillac Eldorado to a solar battery-powered, kids-size version of a Rolls Royce (a steal at \$600) is available. Watching the toy Thunderbird cut through the grass made us want to smash our piggy bank and buy the beauty.

Techies don't get shortchanged by the program, either. There's at least one or two segments featuring items like black box racing, car computers or the like, including auto-babble about performance, readouts, time trials and the like that true racing fans and car aficionados will enjoy.

"Wild About Wheels" keeps that stuff to a minimum, though, going for a family audience that's not necessarily familiar with the latest copy of "Car and Driver" magazine. Getting behind the wheel with this motoring program is as refreshing as getting a great deal on a 10,000-kilometer check-up.

Clape keeps Carlton in command

MELBOURNE (AP) - David Clape kicked five goals as Carlton swamped Fitzroy by 97 points Sunday and consolidated its position at the top of the Australian Football League standings.

The Blues scored 24.17 (161) to 9.10 (64) at Waverley with rover Brett Heaver, playing in his first game for almost a year, adding three goals.

Heaver is making a comeback after suffering a broken leg.

The Blues totally controlled the game, leading by 39 points at halftime and by 77 with one period to play.

Ace Geelong full-forward Gary Ablett on Saturday became the oldest AFL player to kick a century of majors in a season when he posted his 100th goal against the Sydney Swans at Karindia Park.

Ablett, 33, kicked 7.5 as the Cats scored to a easy 23.13 (151) to 11.8 (74) win over the Swans. He had started the day with 97 goals for the season.

Thousands of fans raced onto the field to congratulate Ablett, who may now be able to threaten the all-time season high of 150 goals kicked by Bob Pratt in 1934 for South Melbourne.

It is the third straight season that Ablett exceeded 100 goals, while the win lifted Geelong into second place behind Carlton after Richmond suffered a shock loss against lowly St Kilda.

The 15th-placed Saints won 15.17 (107) to 9.8 (62) at Princes Park and Stewart Lowe led the way to victory by kicking five goals.

The defending champion West Coast Eagles got six goals from Chris Lewis in an 18.21 (129) to 11.13 (79) cruise against Collingwood.

Hawthorn, meanwhile, could miss out on a playoff spot for the first time in 15 years after being beaten 8.9 (57) to 7.10 (52) by Footscray, which got four goals from Ilija Grgic. It was the 10th loss in 17 games for the Hawks.

Essendon scored a predictable 48-point win over the Fremantle Dockers at the MCG, triumphing 21.9 (135) to 13.9 (87) as James Hird grabbed five goals, while Gary Lyon kicked seven goals in Melbourne's 15.12 (102) to 12.8 (80) win over North Melbourne on Friday night.

Collated results of 17th-round AFL matches played this weekend:

Carlton 24.17 (161) def. Fitzroy 9.10 (64).

Brisbane Bears 11.10 (76) def. Adelaide Crows 6.10 (46).

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Hakeem, Shaq to lead Dream Team II

NEW YORK (AP) - Lenny Wilkens got his Dream Team on Sunday, and he wants this squad to be as distinctive as the one that rolled to the gold medal in Barcelona in 1992.

An assistant coach of the original Dream Team, Wilkens sidesteps the subject of which might be the better squad - the original with Magic Johnson and Michael Jordan or the new one with Hakeem Olajuwon and Shaquille O'Neal.

"I'm a little partial to the first team," Wilkens said Sunday. "I don't think you'll see a team like that again. Each team will make its mark. We're going to go out there and be us and not somebody else."

Named to the first 10 of 12 spots were: Orlando guard Anfernee Hardaway, Detroit forward Grant Hill, Utah forward Karl Malone, Indiana guard Reggie Miller, Houston center Hakeem Olajuwon, Orlando center Shaquille O'Neal, Chicago forward Scottie Pippen, San Antonio center David Robinson, Milwaukee forward Glen Robinson and Utah guard John Stockton.

Malone, Pippen and Stockton were on the original Dream Team, as was Robinson, who also won a bronze medal in the 1988 Games, the last all-collegian national team.

The other two roster spots will be filled next year. One of them could be given to Magic Johnson, who recently announced he would not come out of retirement and rejoin the Los Angeles Lakers.

Johnson has expressed a desire to play in the Olympics a second time.

The announcement Sunday came on a nationally televised broadcast, and represented a welcome change of pace for the NBA, which has locked out its players and been unable to reach a labor agreement with the players' union.

The selection of this Olympic team team was largely without the controversy that surrounded the makeup of the 1992 team, when Detroit's Isiah Thomas was not included and Michael Jordan had to be persuaded to take part.

This time, Michael Jordan said early on he didn't want to be considered for a spot, and there were no glaring omissions. Passed over were three members of the world championship team, Charlotte's Larry Johnson, New Jersey's Derrick Coleman and Seattle's Shawn Kemp.

Following last year's world championships in Toronto, USA Basketball officials quietly made it known they were unhappy with the unsportsmanlike behavior by some players of the gold medal team, and those players wouldn't be invited to Atlanta.

Olajuwon was named to the team after waging a long campaign with FIBA to be declared eligible to compete for his adopted country. Earlier this month, FIBA granted Olajuwon, who as a teen-ager played for his native Nigeria in an international competition, a special waiver.

Softball finale tonight

CHARLES HARRIS

THE Jerusalem Post Softball League champion will be crowned tonight at Kibbutz Gezer when the Manolito Tigers play Archaeological Seminars at 8 p.m.

Each team has claimed a victory in the championship series and tonight's winner will mark the second consecutive undisputed champion since the Jerusalem and Tel Aviv leagues merged after the 1993 season. Dan Schneider Sports won last year's unified championship by defeating Hasot Benny.

The Archaeologists had their 13-game winning streak halted Sunday night when the Tigers, led by Ari Kanterewicz, cruised to a 13-6 victory.

Kumble halts courageous Warwickshire victory bid

LONDON (Reuters) - Indian leg-spinner Anil Kumble took a county championship best seven for 82 as Northamptonshire snatched a dramatic seven-run win over leaders Warwickshire yesterday to throw the title race wide open.

It left second-placed Northants just two points adrift of last year's champions who mounted a tremendous fightback after being reduced to 53 for six after being set 275 to win.

Warwickshire pushed Northants all the way, with a seventh-wicket stand of 148 between skipper Dermot Reeve (74) and Neil Smith (75) keeping them close to a ninth championship win.

But Kumble struck the important blow when he bowled Smith, who hit 11 fours in his 176-ball innings.

The reigning champions were still in the hunt at lunch, but Kumble took a return catch to dismiss Keith Piper and then ended Reeve's resistance with a catch at short-leg in his first two overs after the break.

Mark Alleyne hit a superb 141 to steer Gloucestershire to an unexpected three-wicket win over Essex at Cheltenham and keep alive their faint hopes of chal-

lenging for the title.

At Edgbaston: Northamptonshire beat Warwickshire by seven runs. Northamptonshire 152 and 346. Warwickshire 224 and 267 (N.Smith 75, D.Reeve 74; A.Kumble 7-32). Northamptonshire 20 points, Warwickshire five.

At Derby: Derbyshire beat Glamorgan by 195 runs. Derbyshire 392 and 372-8 declared. Glamorgan 248 and 321 (S.James 96; A.Harris 4-84). Derbyshire 24 points, Glamorgan five.

At Cheltenham: Gloucestershire beat Essex by three wickets. Essex 244 and 437. Gloucestershire 400 and 285-7 (M.Alleyne 141, A.Symonds 57; M.Illott 4-81). Gloucestershire 24 points, Essex five.

At Worcester: Worcestershire beat Kent by 61 runs. Worcestershire 332 and 335-7 declared. Kent 320 and 286 (G.Cowdrey 77, S.Mansh 67 not out; R.Illingworth 4-89). Worcestershire 23 points, Kent seven.

County Championship Table

	P	W	L	D	pts	BF	BF%
Warwickshire	11	8	2	1	27	40	195
Northants	11	8	2	1	26	38	193
Gloucestershire	10	7	2	1	25	40	177
Derbyshire	10	6	2	2	32	38	166
Warwickshire	11	6	2	3	31	34	161
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Knesset in uproar over closure of Arutz 7

PANDEMONIUM reigned in the Knesset yesterday over the closure of pirate right-wing radio station Arutz 7, as opposition MKs prevented Police Minister Moshe Shahal from speaking for over half an hour.

MKs charged that police stormed the ship from which the station broadcasts when it put in for repairs at Ashdod, and began smashing its equipment.

The police acted on the basis of a court order obtained by the Communications Ministry.

"The Communications Ministry inspector gave the police a false affidavit saying that Arutz 7 was broadcasting from Ashdod Port," charged Hana Porat (National Religious Party), noting that in fact, the station has been shut down all week, since it never

broadcasts during the nine days preceding Tisha Be'av.

The closure of Arutz 7 quickly hijacked what started out as two routine no-confidence motions on the political situation, when Michael Eitan (Likud) announced it from the plenum floor just prior to the start of the debate.

Yitzhak Levy (NRP) promptly said he was adding the subject to his party's motion, charging that Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni had ordered the shutdown because "the station was bothering the government."

After Levy and Rehavam Ze'evi (Molodet) finished presenting their motions, opposition MKs began demanding that Shahal address the issue in his response, even though it was not

officially on the agenda, and threatened not to let him speak if he would not.

A half-hour screaming match ensued, which resulted in speaker Shevah Weiss throwing three MKs out of the hall. One, Shaul Yahalom (NRP), refused to go, and Weiss finally recessed the session to give him time to leave peacefully, rather than having him dragged out by the guards.

When Shahal was finally permitted to speak, he said he had asked the police to check whether the order had indeed been issued under false premises, as Porat claimed, and whether this would affect its legality.

"But the police minister never interferes with police investiga-

tions," he said. "If as a politician, as police minister, I were to decide when to execute [an order] and when not to do so, I tell you, you would very quickly have a country with a government that does not treat all its citizens equally."

Shahal blamed opposition leaders for letting the session get out of hand, and not trying to stop it.

"There is no argument about the need to preserve the rule of law," responded Likud chairman Benjamin Netanyahu.

"But there's a second basis to democracy, and that second basis is freedom of expression," he said.

Arutz 7, he pointed out, is the

only station in the country that expresses the views of the nationalist camp - and for that reason, and that reason only, he charged, Aloni decided to close it down.

Netanyahu noted that when the Likud was in power, Foreign Ministry offices abroad received subscriptions to two left-wing papers: *Davar* and *Al Hamishmar*. The current government, however, canceled overseas subscriptions to *The Jerusalem Post*, even when publisher Yehuda Levy offered to provide the papers free of charge.

Similarly, he noted, the Likud left Abie Nathan's pirate radio station, the Voice of Peace, unmolested.

"The public feels that from the moment you took power, you've been trying in any way possible to

prevent a free debate of conflicting ideas," he charged.

In the end, the no-confidence motions were defeated in an anti-climactic vote, 55-44.

Herb Keinon adds: Hagai Segal, the Arutz 7 news director, said the impounding of the station's equipment is "yet another example of the deterioration of Israeli democracy."

"It is an obvious next step after administrative detentions, and the attack on religious soldiers who declare they don't want to uproot army bases in the territories," he said.

Segal said he was not surprised by the move. "Shug fans," he was not one of our big mistake here. We have been flooded by calls of support from all over."

KNESSET BRIEFS

Zissman: Arafat inciting terror
PLO chairman Yasser Arafat is still trying to incite terror against Israel, MK Emanuel Zissman (Labor) charged yesterday. Zissman plans to show translations of Arafat's recent speeches in the Knesset tomorrow to prove his point.

New rules on inquiry panels
The State Control Committee will still be able to establish state commissions of inquiry, but only with the consent of two-thirds of the committee, according to a compromise proposal approved yesterday by the Law Committee. The proposal was accepted by both State Control Committee chairman David Magen (Likud) and Justice Minister David Liba'i, even though the government had originally wanted to take away the committee's authority to establish commissions of inquiry.

Ze'evi remains free to travel
The House Committee yesterday rejected a request by Taleb a-Sanaa (Democratic Arab Party) to forbid Rehavam Ze'evi (Molodet) access to Judea and Samaria because of his statement on television that he "would not be upset" if there were bus bombings in Arab villages in response to the Ramat Gan bombing. Most of the committee deplored Ze'evi's statement, but objected to taking away an MK's parliamentary freedoms because of something he said.

Cheap land for ex-soldiers
Demobilized soldiers would be given land to build a house at bargain prices when they marry, according to a bill approved by the Economics Committee yesterday. The bill, which will now be sent to the plenum for a first reading, states that the land will be given for free in "national priority A" regions, for 20% of its value in "national priority B" regions, and for 40% of its value in the rest of the country. The Treasury opposes the bill, saying it will cost hundreds of millions, if not billions, of shekels.

Evelyn Gordon

VIP treatment for prison inmates with political clout

COMMENT
RAINE MARCUS

SINCE his incarceration in February 1993, Yair Levy has not exactly been the model prisoner, supposedly a deciding factor in releasing inmates who have served two-thirds of their sentences.

Early release for good behavior is not an automatic right, but like any other privileges given to prisoners, must be earned.

From the start, other inmates complained that Levy was given preferential treatment, including a private cell.

There is no doubt that Levy received special treatment in prison. Four prison warders, including the commander of the Prisons Service central district, were subjected to disciplinary hearings after a committee found they had been negligent in allowing Levy to join the rehabilitation program and had not kept an eye on him.

Levy was ordered off the program, but only after journalists discovered that he was taking a siesta at home, praying at his local synagogue, or strolling the streets of Bnei Brak instead of working at a yeshiva for eight hours, and then returning to prison. The Prisons Service is supposed make periodic checks of the prisoners on the plan.

Maybe someone turned a blind eye to Levy. Would this have happened if an ordinary prisoner had wandered around his neighborhood and went home for dinner?

Yes, Levy was suspended from the program, but only when the press discovered he was playing hooky. Otherwise who would have known, or cared? Privi-

leges, including weekend furloughs, were also taken away from him for two months.

Would a common drug addict or thief, who happened to be sick, demand of Police Minister Moshe Shahal that he be released early because prison was killing him?

Prison, after all, does not exactly contribute to the mental and physical well-being of its inmates.

The parole board's decision to release Levy may set a dangerous precedent, showing former VIPs (including MKs) that in prison, like on the outside, their titles still open doors.

The Prisons Service report to the board on Levy's behavior was also misleading. He worked, it read, and contributed to the welfare of the inmates by teaching them Torah.

But he was a problematic prisoner, attracting controversy and creating the formation of numerous inquiry commissions and messy investigative reports. No doubt the Prisons Service can do without him and will be glad to see him pack his bag.

Levy, who has been the perfect scapegoat for Shas, has now been thrown to the wolves by his former colleagues. There is no place for him in the party, Shas has announced. His lawyer, Yehuda Weinstein, said yesterday that "all my client wants to do is to return to his family and family life" on his release.

Incidentally, Levy never returned the NIS 300,000 he was convicted of embezzling from Shas's El Hama'ayan non-profit association.



Public Works Department Director-General Ben Zion Salzman (left) and district engineer Alec Saguy inspect a tunnel through which water from Wadi Kelt will flow along the Jericho bypass road, to be officially opened today by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. (Yitzhak Elbaraz)

Pollard fires American attorney, spurns some supporters

MARILYN HENRY
NEW YORK

JONATHAN Pollard has fired his American attorney and has apparently called on two major supporters, Amnon Dror, head of the so-called Public Committee in Israel, and Seymour Reich, president of the American Zionist Movement, to "disassociate themselves entirely from his case," according to a statement released on Pollard's behalf.

"These people have put my life in danger," the statement quoted Pollard as saying. He said he condemned "their strenuous and unrelenting efforts to seriously undermine my legal request for Israeli citizenship."

Nancy Luque, Pollard's attorney in Washington, confirmed yesterday that she had been fired on Friday. She declined further comment about Pollard, whom

she represented for almost a year.

Last week Luque postponed Pollard's parole hearing, which has been set for the first week in September. She said she had not been able to obtain copies of the materials the US government has used to assess the harm Pollard is alleged to have caused by giving

classified information to Israel. Some of Pollard's staunch American supporters had feared that his bid for Israeli citizenship would undercut his chance of gaining parole or a bid for clemency from President Clinton.

That set them on a collision course with Esther Zeitz-Pollard, whom Pollard married in prison. Zeitz-Pollard has been in Israel lobbying on behalf of citizenship for her husband.

Hizbullah denies knowledge of Ron Arad's whereabouts

BEIRUT (AP) - The Hizbullah said yesterday it was not holding missing airman Ron Arad, and it also vowed to secure the release of 250 Lebanese jailed by Israel.

"Israel cares only for one soldier, Israeli pilot Ron Arad, whom we are not holding and whose whereabouts or kidnappers we don't know," Sheikh Naim Kassem, Hizbullah's deputy secretary general, said in remarks published yesterday in the London-based *Al-Hayat*.

Israel contends it has information that Arad is still alive and is believed to be in Iranian hands. However, the Iranian government and Hizbullah have repeatedly denied this.

Lebanese Foreign Minister Faris Bweiz said recently that his government does not have accurate information on whether Arad is dead or alive.

Meanwhile, Kassem said there were "real difficulties" in securing the freedom of Lebanese prisoners held in a detention center in Israel and in the security zone

in south Lebanon.

"We are making political and media contacts to secure their release," he said.

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Cologne gunman who killed two may have wanted to hijack plane

COLOGNE, Germany (AP) - The Israeli gunman who seized a sight-seeing bus and killed two people before being slain by police may have wanted to hijack a plane but got on the wrong bus, according to a news report yesterday.

Leon Bor, 31, was gunned down by police after an eight-hour standoff at the Cologne fairgrounds Friday evening. He earlier killed the 26-year-old bus driver and a 64-year-old woman.

Police believe Bor may have mistaken the tour bus for an airplane bus after seeing tourists lined up at the door with their packs, Bild reported.

The Russian-born Bor, who

spoke poor English and German and appeared mentally disturbed, repeatedly shouted "passport!" but may have meant "airport," Bild said, attributing its information to police sources.

The fact Bor was carrying an electronic longitude locator and a parachute when he boarded the bus bolsters the theory he planned to seize an airplane, Bild said. Police have been unable to say what motivated Bor, who muttered about the Russian mafia and a massacre of Arabs in Israel.

Cologne police spokesman Peter Massen said the scenario written by Bild was one of several police have considered.

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5 killed on roads

DAVID RUDGE and HENRY

Five people were killed and 11 injured on the highways yesterday.

Hava Buziglo, 40, of Netzer, was killed when she was struck by a truck as it reversed yesterday morning. The driver was detained for questioning by police.

Later, another woman was killed after her car was involved in an head-on collision with an army van on the Karmiel-Ra'at road. The driver of the army truck was lightly injured.

Two more people were killed and six injured - one seriously, moderately, and the rest lightly - in a head-on collision between two vehicles on the Tel Adashim-Migdal Ha'emek road.

A motorcyclist was killed yesterday evening in an accident on the Nahshonim-Mazor road.

Another motorcyclist was seriously injured when his bike overturned near the Ein Hemed interchange on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway. The car traveling behind him managed to stop, but the bus behind it hit the car, lightly injuring its three occupants.

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Justice Dept. reportedly considering making deal with Abu Marzook

MARILYN HENRY
NEW YORK

THE US Justice Department apparently is considering a deal that would allow Mousa Abu Marzook to enter a plea that would extricate him from his legal troubles with US immigration authorities.

Neither the government nor Abu Marzook's lawyer, Stanley Cohen, would discuss the deal or the specific charges.

The deal was offered Wednesday by Cohen in 30 minutes of hallway wrangling with federal lawyers in a maximum security federal jail here.

In an adjacent room, US Immigration Judge Alan Page had only just started a hearing, in a visitors' area turned impromptu courtroom, to determine whether Abu Marzook could be expelled from the US.

Page said his court would reconvene next Tuesday.

Cohen said the deal had been offered "because of my client's desire to avoid continuing government harassment." He added that Abu Marzook wanted to "return to the Middle East to continue his humanitarian work."

Abu Marzook was detained last week when he arrived at Kennedy Airport. His name popped up on a "lookout" list as an "excludable alien," who is not entitled to enter the US because of known or suspected involvement in terrorist activity.

Israel says Abu Marzook is the head of Hamas's political bureau. Jerusalem Magistrate's Court has issued an arrest warrant for him, saying that he is a Hamas leader who helps set Hamas policy on terror attacks.

Speaking through his lawyer, Abu Marzook said he denies all allegations against him.

Abu Marzook offered last Friday to withdraw his application to enter the US and to surrender his green card, Cohen said as the hearing opened.

"He decided he wanted to leave this country forever," Cohen said. He then lambasted the US government for rejecting that offer. "They could have achieved the result they wanted, to get him out of the country," he said.

A federal prosecutor, Michael Lindemann, told the court: "We are not prepared to accept a non-terrorism charge in a terror case." He did not elaborate.

The immigration hearing is unrelated to Israel's request for extradition or any criminal charges that the US Justice Department might bring against Abu Marzook.

On the Israeli allegations, Cohen said, "They don't tie my client directly to anything."



Protesters at Jerusalem's Russian Compound lockup yesterday display placards decrying the 'Bolshevik' and 'evil' government. (Flash 90)

13 arrested at Russian Compound demo

BILL HUTMAN

THIRTEEN people were arrested during a demonstration yesterday evening at the Russian Compound lock-up in Jerusalem protesting the earlier arrests of Efrat Rabbi Shlomo Riskin and Nadia Matar, an organizer of recent settler protests.

Several policemen and demonstrators were lightly injured.

Many of the protesters wrongly believed Riskin, Matar, and a youth also arrested during the recent evacuation of Givat Hadagan were at the Russian Compound. In fact, they were being held at the Abu Kabir lock-up in Tel Aviv.

Riskin, detained for participating in an illegal demonstration and incitement, was eventually released on bail because of poor health. Police said they will file charges against him.

Matar, held on the same charges, and the 17-year-old, arrested for allegedly attacking a police officer, face remand hearings in Jerusalem today.

A police spokesman said Matar will be offered a deal under which she would be released in return for agreeing not to participate in or organize additional illegal demonstrations.

No decision has been made yet with regard to the teenager's remand, the spokesman said last night.

What began as a quiet protest near the Russian Compound turned violent after David Matar, Nadia's husband, urged the crowd to "never give in, even if we all have to be arrested," Itim reported.

About 200 demonstrators broke through police lines, and then exchanged blows with policemen. The crowd eventually grew to about 1,000, and community leaders called for them to disperse peacefully.

Many of the protesters left quietly. But several hundred continued to protest and tried to block nearby Jaffa Road. They were dispersed by police, with the help of a water cannon.

Ben-Yair: No more special interrogation powers for GSS

DAVID MAKOVSKY

ATTORNEY-GENERAL Michael Ben-Yair told Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday it was legally indefensible to extend the General Security Service's extraordinary interrogation powers any longer. It therefore appears those powers will expire in a week, officials in Jerusalem said.

Ben-Yair was joined in his opposition to Rabin's position by Justice Minister David Libai and Environment Minister Yossi Sarid. The prime minister was supported by only Police Minister Moshe Shahal during a session of the Interministerial Committee on the GSS, the officials said.

According to the Landau Commission that established the broad outlines for the powers to be granted the GSS during interrogations, it is only

supposed to use "moderate physical force" unless a "ticking bomb" is about to go off and harsh interrogations may lead suspects to provide added information, thereby saving innocent lives.

In the aftermath of the Dizengoff St. suicide bus bombing last October, the interministerial committee, which is chaired by Rabin, authorized the GSS to use harsh interrogation methods in dealing with potential Hamas suspects, citing the "ticking bomb" provision. At Rabin's urging, ministers have routinely reissued the authorization.

However, last April, Palestinian suspect Abdel Samad Harizat was shaken to death by GSS interrogators, and now Ben-Yair believes Israel must be more cautious in its interrogations.

Rabin blasts Efrat demonstrators

EVELYN GORDON

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday lashed out at the demonstrators on Givat Hadagan in Efrat.

"The ones who are abandoning Israel's security are those who divert the IDF and the police from security-related tasks by making them deal with meaningless demonstrations," he charged.

"We are facing a period of attempts to violate the law and disturb the peace, as part of a political move - both in Judea and Samaria and within Israel - we will enforce the law without evasions, and ensure that events such as this will not take place."

"I see these attempts as efforts to create a rift in the people," he added.

Rabin also castigated coalition members who object to using female soldiers, instead of policemen, to evacuate female demonstrators.

The army is the sovereign power in the territories, he said, so there is no reason soldiers should not be used.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres joined Rabin. "There is a real effort to undermine the democratic regime in Israel - from attempts to influence the American government to the inclusion of children in demonstrations," he said. "We will not let a minority, in the name of preventing a rift in the people, rupture the thing that unites the people - namely democracy."

"This anarchic behavior is a genuine disaster for the nation," he added.

Settler protests continue

HERB KEINON

SETTLERS returned to Har Arts in Beit El last night and also set up tents and booths on an empty hill north of Kedumim, as their protest campaign continued in full force.

Some 105 people who spent the night on Givat Hadagan in Efrat were arrested in the morning, when the police and IDF soldiers cleared the hill for the third time in three days.

Among those arrested were Efrat Rabbi Shlomo Riskin and Nadia Matar, one of the organizers of the move to Givat Hadagan and a leader of the Women in Green. While the police released over 100 people in the afternoon, they refused to release Riskin and Matar.

Those arrested were brought to a lock-up in Bethlehem, where they refused to provide identification information, and even threatened a hunger strike unless Matar and Riskin were released.

"In the afternoon they just kicked us out [of the lock-up]," said Eve Harow, another of the leaders of the campaign to move onto Givat Hadagan. "We didn't want to leave, they told us it was an IDF area and we would have to vacate."

Most of the arrested went from the lock-up to Jerusalem's Russian Compound, and participated in last night's demonstration demanding the release of Matar and Riskin. (See adjacent story.)

In Kedumim, meanwhile, settlers began moving to a hill north of the settlement at about 7:30 p.m. This group was preceded by another which went to an empty hill east of Kedumim as a decoy.

Yosef Kapach, the head of the Kedumim Regional Council, said the northern hill is part of the settlement's master plan. Repeating what settlement leaders in Beit El and Efrat said when explaining their moves to Har Arts and Givat Hadagan, Kapach said, "If we don't take control of the hill, it is liable to be given to the Palestinians."

Abraham Domb, spokesman for the Council of Jewish Communi-

ties in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, said this particular hill was also picked because it is only accessible via one dirt road, making evacuation more difficult. Domb said that tents and booths were scattered all across the hill, and that no evacuation was expected before daybreak.

While settlers were making their move in Kedumim, another group moved toward Har Arts. Settlement sources reported that hundreds of people made their way there by foot, after the IDF blocked a road leading to the hill. Yoav Barak, secretary of Beit El B, said that soldiers were preventing people from bringing up heavy equipment, such as tents and generators, but were not blocking people from reaching the hill.

"It seems that the policy is now to let us go up, wear ourselves out, but not build anything," Barak said.

OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ian Biran was due to meet settlement leaders in Beit El late last night.

This is the second time in three days that Beit El residents moved to the hill, which overlooks their settlement. A few hundred people went there Monday night, following the evacuation of Givat Hadagan, but were evicted the next day.

Meanwhile, Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau called for a dialogue between the government and the settlers. "We cannot agree that a hand will be raised against a soldier or a policeman, or that the prime minister or chief of staff be greeted with insults. I want to remind the settlers, and those who come to evict them, that we are now in the week of Tisha Be'av, and that the Second Temple was destroyed because of baseless hatred. I see hatred that is turning into real hatred, not baseless, almost without any reason."

Lau called upon the nation to "wake up before it is too late" and said that the only ones benefiting from the enmity are "our enemies. We must stop this and sit around a table. We can speak to enemies, why can't we speak to brothers?"

IAF jets hit Jibril base in Bekaa Valley

DAVID RUDGE

THE IAF yesterday struck at a base of Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, deep in the Syrian-controlled region of Lebanon's Bekaa Valley and only 10 km. from the Lebanese-Syrian border.

Five activists were reported wounded in the strike, which some diplomatic analysts described as a message to Syria over Israel's growing intolerance over the stalled peace talks and the situation in south Lebanon.

The air raid came just 24 hours after the Lebanese army celebrated its 50th anniversary, and Syrian marked its own army day.

According to reports from Lebanon, Syrian Defense Minister Mustafa Tlass was visiting Syrian troops in Lebanon at the time of the air raid.

He told reporters that Israel was participating in the peace talks for the sake of keeping the negotiations going and not for the sake of peace itself.

According to reports, two planes fired several missiles at the target, while four to six other planes provided cover and dropped missile decoys. The reports said that Syrian anti-aircraft batteries opened fire at the planes, but failed to register any hits. The planes then continued on to Beirut and broke the sound barrier over the Lebanese capital, the reports said.

The IDF Spokesman said planes had attacked terrorist targets in Lebanon and the pilots reported direct hits on the targets. All the planes returned safely to their bases.

Ruins of Herodian temple uncovered in Caesarea

DAVID RUDGE

ARCHAEOLOGISTS have uncovered the foundations of a huge temple, built by Herod the Great, during ongoing excavations of the ancient city of Caesarea.

The temple, dating from towards the end of the first century BCE, is believed to have been one of the biggest in the region at the time.

Judging by the size of the massive foundation, made of huge stone blocks, archaeologists believe that the temple was about 30 meters high.

According to other finds at the site, the walls were coated in white plaster inlaid with powdered marble, which would have given it a gleaming sheen.

The existence of the temple, which Herod dedicated to the pa-

gan goddess Roma and then Emperor Augustus, was known from history books, especially the writings of Josephus.

Its precise location, however, was a matter of conjecture until this year's excavations which, since 1989, have been conducted by the Combined Caesarea Expeditions - a joint project of Haifa University and the University of Maryland.

The temple had remained one of the key missing pieces in the slow unveiling of the ancient city and its intricate and carefully designed harbor, one of Herod's greatest building projects.

Herod's construction of Caesarea and Sebaste were only some of his major building works, which included palaces at Jericho and Jerusalem, the fortresses of Masada and Herodium, and his reconstruction of the Second Temple.

The Caesarea excavations, headed by Kenneth G. Hohm from Maryland and Haifa Uni-

versity's Avner Raban and Yosef Patrick, were concluded on July 20 after two months of extensive work by archaeologists, aided by volunteers from Israel, the US, Canada, and Australia.

The foundations of the Caesarea temple were discovered on a site to the east of the harbor and south of the remains of the Crusader fortress.

In this position, according to the archaeologists, the soaring structure would have been clearly visible from the sea and was likely to have been used by ancient mariners as a beacon to guide them into the shelter of the harbor and its huge breakwaters.

The estimated height of the temple is based on the size of the uncovered foundations, themselves measuring 30 m. by 54 m. It is believed that the temple was built on the foundations of an earlier structure from the Hellenistic period.

Fragments from the upper structure of the temple, including bases for columns and Corinthian capitals, were also discovered.

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PA: Transfer rural areas after elections

LAMIA LAHOUD and DAVID MAKOVSKY

THE Palestinians want the transfer of control of unspecified rural areas and intercity roads in the territories to begin immediately after the Palestinian self-rule council is elected later this year, Maj.-Gen. Abdel Razak Yahya, co-chair of the Palestinian security committee said yesterday.

In contrast, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has said that transferring security control of non-municipal areas would only occur by mid-1997. Israeli officials have given the impression that the timetable for the second phase of the pullback had already been reached, but this apparently is not the case. The first phase of the pullback will begin this fall when Israel redeployes away from at least six Palestinian cities.

There is speculation that Palestinians want the second phase of the pullback to begin more than a full year earlier than Israel does, due to fear that Labor may not

be re-elected in November, 1996.

"The agreement should lead to full Palestinian jurisdiction in the territories except for issues of the final status like settlements, and agreed upon Israeli military installations," Yahya said.

Another difference in the security discussions was the issue of Hebron. Israel and the Palestinians remained at odds on the division of authority there.

According to Yahya, Israel is still refusing to redeploy from the city center and nearby Halhoul. It wants the deployment in Hebron of uniformed, unarmed Palestinian inspectors before Palestinian elections are held, while Israel remains in control of all security responsibilities.

Yahya said Israel is ready to make a symbolic redeployment in the Hebron area, but did not elaborate. The

Palestinians want the IDF to redeploy from Hebron, and they also want Arab shops closed by the IDF for security reasons to be reopened, so the city can return to normal life.

Security arrangements for Bethlehem and Ramallah have also not been completed, said Jibril Rajoub, the head of the Palestinian Preventive Security Services in Jericho and the territories.

Israel has said that it will remain on main roads in those cities until bypass roads are built.

Yahya stressed that this time the PA will insist on reaching agreement on all issues before signing and will not leave some issues for negotiations at a later stage as they did in last year's Gaza-Jericho agreement.

Although the talks are difficult, Yahya

said they are better than the talks which led to the Cairo agreement, because both sides know each other's position and are working seriously on ironing out differences.

Israeli officials have refused to characterize the talks, except to say there has not been much progress.

Officials did announce that perhaps up to half of the 130-140 negotiators in Eilat might be going home, so negotiating sessions would be less unwieldy.

Evelyn Gordon adds:

It is not true that the cabinet has deferred discussing the transfer of additional responsibilities to the Palestinian Authority because the talks are bogged down, Rabin told the Labor Knesset faction yesterday.

"On the contrary ... in some areas there is progress," he said. "Continuing the talks is more important than transferring a particular area of authority."

Shaath: Gaza economy booming

JON IMMANUEL

GAZA is enjoying a construction-driven economic boom that has created 25,000 jobs and \$500 million in locally-raised investments.

"Gaza is enjoying an economic boom on account of that," Palestinian Authority Planning Minister Nabil Shaath said this week.

More funds have poured into Gaza from the donor countries during the past six months than in the previous year, bringing the total to \$520m. However, Shaath said this is still only a third of the promised \$1.4 billion over 1994-95.

Shaath told *The Jerusalem Post* Tuesday that one problem was the failure of the Norwegian Holst Fund to provide funds to cover the estimated \$136m. PA budget deficit over the past 45 days. The fund had been providing \$20m. a month for public service employee salaries. Shaath said he did know the reason for this, but the PA had succeeded in preventing a sharp increase in the deficit by cutting spending.

Norway, which chairs an international consortium of donors for aid to the Palestinian self-rule areas, said cooperation between the PA, Israel, and donors had reduced the deficit, but the final size would depend on further economic and political developments this year.

"We are impressed by the Palestinian administration and especially the Ministry of Finance," Jan Ege-land, state secretary in the Norwegian Foreign Ministry told Reuters. He cited reports from the PA and the World Bank.

Peace Watch yesterday quoted Palestinian banking sources as saying the PA has borrowed \$30m.

from Palestinian banks to cover payroll and other running expenses.

Shaath defended Arab banks which have been sharply criticized for soaking up deposits and taking the money abroad. "If we had forced the banks [not to take money abroad], it would have created panic. Now, however they are coming back," he said.

Shaath attributed the turnaround in Gaza's economic fortunes to the "strict way we have applied the security regime since Beit Lid," the double-suicide bombing which killed 21 soldiers in January. This created a climate of security without a feeling of authoritarian rule, he said.

Other factors include the absence of currency controls, and a private investment law which has provided legal clarity for investors.

The boom has been created by the widespread building activity, mostly in the public sector, which has drawn along many housing-related industries such as furniture, plumbing fixtures, glass, and aluminum frame workshops.

Despite the apparent economic improvements, which have been considered the key to Yasser Arafat's political stability in Gaza, Arafat's popularity has dropped sharply in Gaza over the past three months, according to polls.

Shaath said this was true, but temporary, attributing it mainly to the failure to advance on the release of security prisoners. He said that on talk shows broadcast by Palestinian radio and television "70 percent of the questions were about prisoners."

Zissman: Arafat violating accords through speeches

EVELYN GORDON

IN a rare move, a coalition MK yesterday held a press conference to demonstrate that PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat is violating the spirit of his agreement with Israel.

Emanuel Zissman (Labor) showed videos of speeches Arafat had given this past June and July, with translations into Hebrew by Prof. Dan Schueffan of Haifa University.

"The commitment still stands, and the oath is still valid: that we will continue this long jihad, in its difficult jihad ... via deaths, via battles," Arafat said in one speech, a memorial to Abir Wahaydi, the woman involved in the 1978 coastal bus attack. "She was one of the heroes ... She commanded the group that established the first Palestinian republic in a bus. This is a Palestinian woman ... the woman we are proud of."

In another speech, he repeatedly chanted: "The soul and the blood we shall sacrifice for thee, Palestine" and referred to terrorist Abu Jihad as "the highest of comrades."

In a third speech, he said: "We

will continue on this path ... until a Palestinian boy or girl waves the flag of Palestine over the walls of Jerusalem, its mosques and churches."

Finally, a speech from April 26 of this year showed Arafat comparing the Oslo accords to Mohammed's agreement with the Kurash, which Mohammed broke two years later. Zissman said afterwards that with Arafat refusing to try to educate his people to peace, it would be impossible for him to support Oslo-2 in its present form. Either there must be a change in Arafat's attitude, or there must be additional conditions to keep as much power in Israel's hands as possible, he said.

"The Oslo agreement is not only a commitment for autonomy," he explained. "It is also a commitment to prepare Palestinians and Israelis to live in peace. [But] these speeches are only speeches to prepare the Palestinians to establish a Palestinian capital in Jerusalem ... If after 14 or 15 months of autonomy, Arafat is speaking only about this, and not about reconciliation."

'Hizbullah-Palestine' seeks to claim Ramat Gan attack

DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

AN extremist Islamic Palestinian group based in Lebanon has also claimed responsibility for last week's Ramat Gan suicide bus bombing.

The little known "Hizbullah-Palestine," whose members are believed to be mainly from Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon, made the claim in a statement to an international news agency in Beirut on Tuesday.

The announcement appeared to contradict a leaflet, dated July 27, in the name of Hamas's fighting wing Izzadine Kassam, which also claimed responsibility for the bomb blast, in which six people were killed.

The Hizbullah-Palestine group said in the statement that the attack was carried out by Jamal Fayez Youssef, aged 30, a member of one of the organization's cells in the

territories.

The organization has claimed responsibility for a number of attacks in the territories as well as against IDF troops in south Lebanon. It is believed to be an offshoot of Hamas or the Islamic Jihad, that was established shortly after activists of those two organizations were deported to Lebanon. The activists were later returned to the territories.

Meanwhile, there have been ongoing reports in the Lebanese press that one of the world's most wanted terrorists, Imad Mounir, has returned to Lebanon after hiding out in Iran for several years.

Mounir is wanted by the US in connection with the kidnapping of western hostages in Lebanon, for being behind the 1983 suicide car bomb attack against US marines in Lebanon, and for other atrocities.

Opposition: False papers closed Arutz 7

A POLICE report on the closure of Arutz 7 strengthens charges that the Communications Ministry obtained the closure order via a false affidavit, opposition MKs charged yesterday.

The ministry had said the order was based on broadcasts overheard last Thursday that were illegally made within territorial waters. The station admitted it broadcast illegally that day.

However, a police report distributed to reporters by MK Shaul Yahalom (NRP) states: "According to the complaint [filed by the ministry], there was a broadcast on Friday, July 28, 1995 from Ashdod Port."

Evelyn Gordon

EU planning Euro-Mideast free trade zone

JOSE ROSENFELD

ISRAEL'S new economic agreement with the European Union is part of a wider European plan to create a free trade zone that will encompass the Middle East, North Africa, Eastern and Western Europe by 2010, European Commission Mediterranean, Near and Middle East department head Eberhard Rhein said yesterday.

The Euro-Mediterranean partnership aims to integrate the economies and promote political stability among the nations of the region, Rhein said, adding that the plan envisions a network of bilateral agreements that will be concluded among 30 to 40 countries.

Industry and Trade Ministry Foreign Trade Administration director Zohar Peri, however, questioned the Europeans' commitment to regional integration. Pointing to the European refusal to give duty free status to the joint industrial production of goods between Israel, Egypt, Jordan, and the Palestinians, Peri accused the EU of paying lip service to the concept of cooperation.

"The Europeans are strong when it comes to politics and declarations, however when there's a concrete opportunity to do something and help along economic cooperation, they shy away," Peri said.

Rhein explained that Europe would agree to cumulation, or

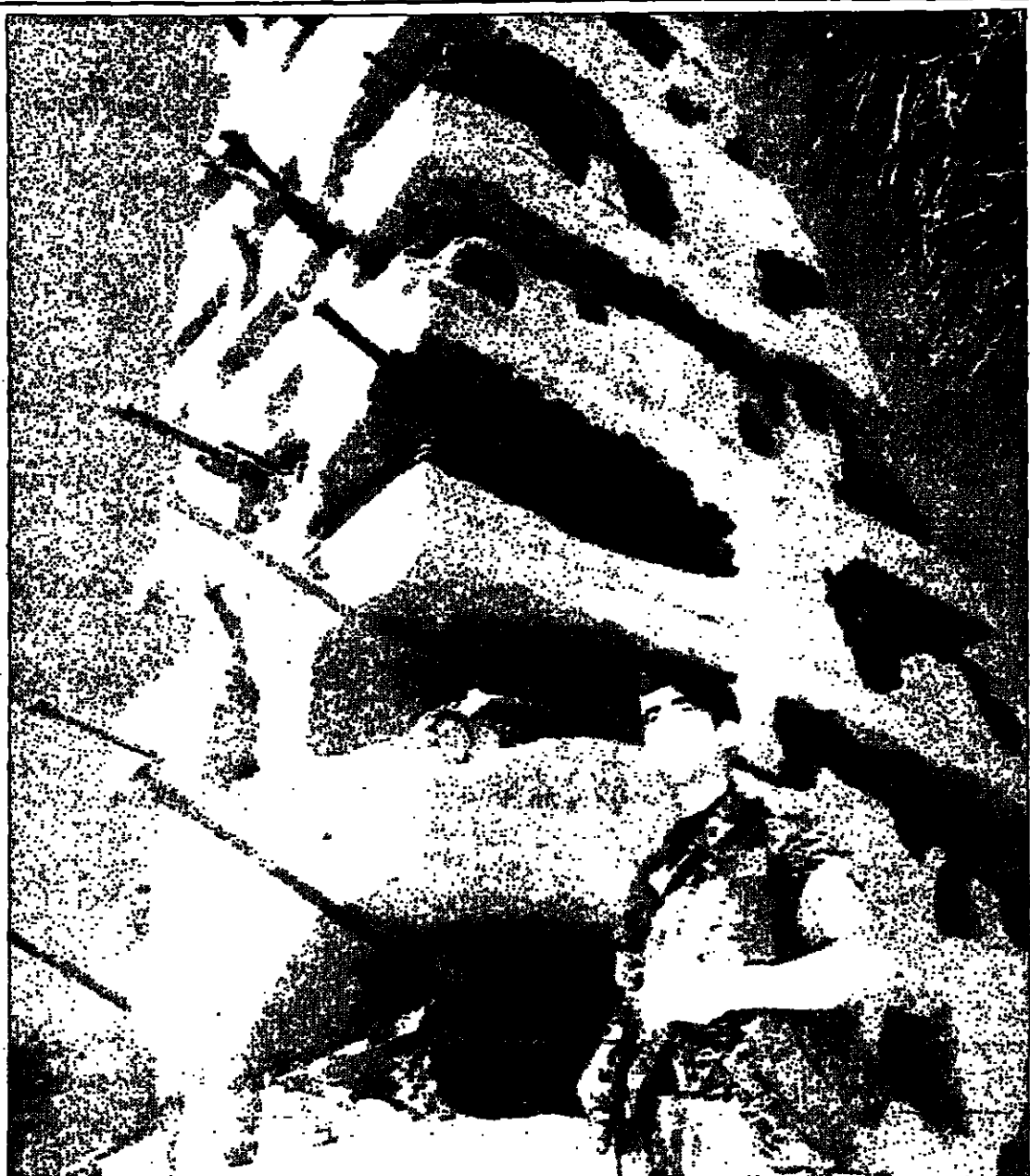
counting as Israeli goods those that are produced in conjunction with one or more of its neighbors, only after Israel agrees to duty-free Arab industrial exports.

Peri called the European's answer a pretext to do nothing, since industrial trade between Israel and her Arab neighbors is far off, while industrial cooperation is a more immediate reality. He noted, by contrast, that the US has been more responsive to the idea.

Peri said he hoped that the EU's economic development assistance package of 4.7 billion ECU (\$6.27b.) to the Mediterranean region will be really put in the service of peace and regional integration, allowing Israel to participate in those projects and not only to turn the program into a tool to exclusively help sell European goods.

Several European countries will probably support the creation of a Middle East and North African regional development bank, although the EU opposes the idea, Rhein said.

According to him, German opposition to the creation of the bank is based purely on business considerations. Since the bank will not provide subsidized loans and none of the region's countries will be ready to guarantee the loans, there will not be a very large market for the financing it could extend, Rhein said.



A Lebanese Army soldier stands near the Hope for Peace statue unveiled in Beirut yesterday. The 5,000-ton work was assembled by French-born American sculptor Arman Fernandez, and is made of tanks and heavy weapons used during Lebanon's civil war. (AP)

Hebron: Two inseparable peoples

BEFORE THE REDEPLOYMENT

JON IMMANUEL

HEBRON may be a harder problem to negotiate than Jerusalem, President Ezer Weizman said last week. But Jerusalem can wait and Hebron cannot.

When Gen. Nasser Yusef, the chief of Palestinian public security, scouted Hebron this week, his reception was more difficult than in other towns from which the IDF is to redeploy.

Hebron has those towns' problems in concentrated form. Ramallah has settlers next door. Hebron has settlers in the town center. Nablus has Joseph's Tomb. Hebron has the Tomb of the Patriarchs in a mosque soaked with the blood of 29 Moslems.

Other towns have a militant Hamas presence. Hebron has more Islamic movement supporters (30 percent) than Gaza. In Kalkiya, 9,000 workers lost jobs across the Green Line; 25,000 Hebron workers can't get to jobs in Jerusalem or Beersheba. The town's 40 stone-cutting plants and 25 shoe manufacturers have largely lost their markets in Tel Aviv and abroad.

Hebron has become more dangerous since the Oslo accords were signed. The intifada atmosphere continues - soldiers are

stabbed, cars are fired on. The main gates of Hebron University, sealed by the IDF in 1988, remain blocked with cement.

The core of Hebron's resentment is the presence of 400 Israelis among 100,000 Palestinians, which signifies the top-sided relations with Israel.

"A settler massacres Moslems and we are put under curfew," says PLO-appointed Mayor Mustafa Natshe.

The curfew imposed after the Baruch Goldstein massacre 18 months ago is now over, but the cash, which was closed to secure Jews living nearby, still operates from the middle of a main road.

Redeployment of soldiers "outside Palestinian-populated areas" must apply also to settlers inside Hebron, the most populated Palestinian area, since "settlers are also armed, will not accept Palestinian police, and will remain only if they are given the function of soldiers themselves," says Taher Muktaseb, an independent member of the chamber of commerce. Yusef's solution is to have joint patrols in disputed areas, which Israel has not yet

accepted. Hebronites consider themselves the most industrious and the wealthiest sector of Palestinian society, and their influence spices other towns with a more Islamic, conservative flavor.

Hebron businessmen residing in Ramallah contributed to the success of the Islamic list in chamber of commerce elections there four years ago. Hebronites do not leave the Middle East. They are spread around Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Amman, and Cairo. They are the most clanish of Palestinians.

Hebron highlights the problem of Israeli-Palestinian relations which Oslo was meant to resolve by separating the two peoples equitably. If Jews can live in their old homes in Hebron, why should not Palestinians return to homes in Haifa and Jaffa, Ramla and Lod, they ask.

It is an issue which will make the final settlement more complex than it need be when the refugee question is raised. The basis of a solution to Hebron has to be found now.

This is the seventh and final part of a series on Palestinian towns on the eve of the redeployment.

Government fails to pass its 'state of the nation' statement

EVELYN GORDON

THE government suffered an embarrassing defeat yesterday, when it failed to garner enough votes to pass its summary statement to a lengthy debate on the political situation.

It narrowly avoided another humiliation by defeating a motion to bring the second stage of the Oslo accords to a referendum. However, the 55-52 victory was narrower than it might have been, because Labor MKs Emanuel Zissman and Avigdor Kahalani walked out rather than vote with the government.

Deputy Housing Minister Alex Goldfarb (Yit'ud) was absent from both votes, though he was in the building.

The Labor-Meretz statement began, "The Knesset notes with satisfaction the development of the peace process that began with the signing of the Oslo Accords, which led to the signing of the historic peace agreement with Jordan and the chance of progress in negotiations with Syria."

However, this statement was defeated when four Hadash and DAP MKs abstained. Shas voted with the

opposition. In reality, the vote should have been 52-52, since Speaker Shevah Weiss (Labor) pressed the wrong button and voted with the opposition, while Yoram Lass (Labor) claimed that his vote was not registered. However, Weiss pointed out that a tie vote would still mean the resolution failed.

The Likud claimed the vote showed that government did not have a majority for implementing the next stage of the Oslo Accords. The coalition, meanwhile, downplayed the incident.

Police Minister Moshe Shahal's response for the government was preceded by a mini-tempest, when Michael Eitan (Likud) protested that all the opposition speeches had been early in the morning - with none of the media present - while Shahal spoke during the day, in the full glare of the cameras. Weiss promptly threw him out of the room, but Eitan at first refused to leave.

When Shahal finally was allowed to speak, he responded with a blistering attack on the opposition.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mother of abused child released

The mother accused of not reporting the abuse of her baby by her husband was released yesterday on NIS 10,000 bail, while her husband's remand was extended by five days.

The woman's mother filed an affidavit with the Beersheba Magistrate's Court yesterday in which she said her son-in-law was violent and had also mistreated his wife. She said her daughter was too afraid of him to report the abuse. "I ask the court to release her immediately, because the baby needs her, and seems frightened and abandoned without her," she wrote.

Amir, Rosenblit

Americans warned not to ride buses here

The US Embassy yesterday advised US citizens to avoid using public transport in Israel, especially buses, and to avoid bus stops. The embassy also urged US citizens to avoid traveling to the Gaza Strip and West Bank, with the exception of day trips to Bethlehem, Jericho, Highway 1 from Jerusalem to the Dead Sea, Route 90 through the Jordan Valley, and tourist sites along those routes. The move is based on what the embassy called "a number of recent events, locally and internationally" which it said highlighted "an already tense situation throughout the region."

Jerusalem Post Staff

In deep sorrow we announce the passing away of our dear

MARTHA BAMBERGER

Distinguished Citizen of Jerusalem

The funeral will take place today, Thursday, Av 7, 5755, 3.8.95, at 1:00 p.m., leaving from the funeral home in Sanhedria, Jerusalem.

Please refrain from paying condolence visits

Her daughter-in-law: **Mirella Bamberger**
Grandchildren: **Daniela and Yaron Enosh**
Daphna Molcho
Nathan and Yael Bamberger
Sharon Bamberger

Great-Grandchildren
Her niece: **Netti Hamburger**

Hurricane Erin downgraded to storm

VERO BEACH, Florida (AP) — Hurricane Erin dwindled to a tropical storm early yesterday as it made its way across central Florida, four hours after it hit land with wind gusts up to 160 kph.

The National Hurricane Center said Erin's sustained winds had slowed to 115 kph near Kissimmee at 5 a.m. The minimum wind to be classified as a hurricane is 119 kph.

"I think this has gone relatively well," Indian River County spokesman Ron Kramer said. About 115 km of coast north of Palm Beach was battered by sustained winds of 135 kph and sheets of rain. Hundreds of thousands of people fled inland.

As Erin struck Vero Beach — spring training home of the Los Angeles Dodgers — it ripped palm fronds from their bases and knocked out power in much of the area. Erin then lost its punch as it moved west at about 27 kph.

"A hurricane is basically a heat engine, and it gets its source of energy from the ocean," said hurricane specialist Max Mayfield.

"When it moves over land, it loses its source and weakens, and that's exactly what's happening."

There were no immediate reports of injuries in Florida.

"When I went out it was actually nice, in an eerie sort of way," Kramer said after taking a pre-dawn look outside his headquarters as the storm's eye passed.

Damage reports were not expected until daylight. Kramer said. The center suspended all hurricane warnings when it downgraded the storm.

However, tropical storm warnings were in effect on Florida's east coast from Fernandina Beach south to just north of Jupiter Inlet, and for Lake Okechobee.

A tropical storm watch was in effect from Appalachicola to Pensacola, where the storm was expected to head after it emerges from Florida's Gulf Coast.

The eye wall of Hurricane Erin made land at 1:11 a.m. just south of Vero Beach.

As Hurricane Erin moved through the Caribbean, its heavy rains were blamed for a plane crash in Jamaica that killed five people. Erin ripped boats from their moorings and caused extensive damage to orchards of bananas, avocados, mangoes and watermelons in the Bahamas.

Supermarkets and gas stations were jammed with residents and tourists caught by surprise at Erin's northerly path, replaying the scenes of panicked preparation that took place a day earlier in Miami.



A German soldier kisses his wife as he prepares to leave yesterday on a plane for Split, Croatia, where he will participate in setting up a field hospital for UN forces. The 500-man field hospital unit is part of the first German commitment to an overseas combat role since World War II.

Croats, rebel Serbs mount huge troop buildup, prepare for battle

KNIN, Croatia (AP) — About 100,000 Croatian soldiers and tens of thousands of rebel Serbs took opposing positions yesterday, primed for battle ahead of peace talks that were to begin today, UN officials said.

Most analysts think an all-out fight for Serb-held lands captured in a six-month war in 1991 would end in a bloody stalemate, with the Croats unable to eliminate all resistance and possibly facing years of Serb guerrilla warfare.

The massive buildup of troops on both sides heightened the risk that intense fighting would spread across the border into Croatia.

For months, Croatia has been eager to regain territory from the rebel Serbs, who vow never to submit to Zagreb's rule. Croatia has lost confidence that the UN can negotiate the peaceful restoration of lands now held by rebel Serbs. Tens of thousands of Croatian troops are

now massed southeast and southwest of Zagreb, at the northern tip of Serb holdings south of the Croatian capital, UN officials said.

Croatia also has deployed troops by the Adriatic coast that could thrust east into Serb-held territory in southwestern Croatia.

Meanwhile, thousands of Croatian troops have poured across the border into Bosnia, teaming up with Bosnian Croat allies for stunning gains in the last week against Serb rebels in Bosnia.

That push in western Bosnia has put the Croats within artillery range of Knin, the self-proclaimed Croatian Serb capital just across the border.

Yesterday, UN officials said 15,000 to 20,000 Croatian soldiers backed by tanks and heavy artillery were digging in at the frontline town of Sunja, 80 km southeast of Zagreb.

Some of the troops were seen building helicopter landing pads.

Rebel Serb leaders from Bosnia and Croatia vowed after a five-hour meeting to act together to counter the Croatian buildup and Croatia's intervention in the Bosnian war.

The rebel leaders also appealed for help from Serbia. President Slobodan Milosevic is officially playing peacemaker, and seems unlikely to respond openly. The rebels' foes charge that Yugoslavia is already supplying troops, weapons and even planes to Serbs in Bosnia and Croatia.

Tensions reached a peak last week when Croatia sent troops into western Bosnia.

Officially, Croatia was intervening to help Bosnia's Muslim-led government defend the northwestern enclave of Bihac, which borders Croatia.

Cat saves Chinese family from death

BEIJING (AP) — A cat's sixth sense saved a sleeping family of seven from death minutes before their house collapsed, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

The 3-year-old cat in Fuling, in the southwest Sichuan province, started howling at 4 a.m., waking up its owner, Li Shuhua.

Li was startled to see the normally placid cat scratching on the locked door and then jumping on the windowsill and pushing the window open.

The cat then ran to Li's grandson and woke him. By then, the whole family was awake and watched in puzzlement as the cat grabbed at Li's wife's skirt and dragged her toward the door.

Only then did Li notice that the walls were moving and that the building was about to collapse.

The family and the cat fled, narrowly escaping as their two-story home tumbled into ruins.

Saudi king reshuffles cabinet

DUBAI (Reuters) — Saudi Arabia's King Fahd yesterday replaced his oil and finance ministers in a surprise government shake-up.

A decree, published by the Saudi News Agency SPA, named the new oil minister as Ali bin Ibrahim al-Nuaimi, replacing Hisham Nazer who had held the post in the world's largest oil exporting country since 1986.

Al-Nuaimi is head of the state oil company Saudi-Aramco.

Suleiman bin Abdul Aziz al-Suleim is the new finance and economy minister, replacing Sheikh Mohammed Ali Abal-Khalil.

The positions of crown prince, first and second deputy prime ministers as well as the foreign, defense and interior ministers were unchanged. New electricity, information, commerce, telecommunications ministers were named.

The king said the decree setting up the 28-member cabinet took effect immediately.

Saudi residents said they had in the last few days heard talk of a

possible cabinet change, but did not know why.

One senior banker said some of the new ministers, including finance and national economy, were strong advocates of private sector development in the kingdom, where the government has been trying to encourage private investment and reduce reliance on the public sector.

"This further confirms the seriousness of the government in accelerating growth in the private sector," he said.

Diplomats in the region said they did not expect significant policy changes.

Saudi Arabia has in the last few years been facing cash shortages mainly due to weak oil prices and huge financial commitments after the 1990-91 Gulf War which ended Iraq's seven-month occupation of Kuwait.

The Saudi government in January forecast a \$4 billion deficit in a \$40 billion budget that cut spending by six percent.

China expels USAF officers for 'spying'

BEIJING (AP) — China has detained two US Air Force officers, accusing them of illegally gathering military intelligence, and ordered them yesterday to leave the country within 24 hours.

The expulsions came as relations have sunk to their worst point since China's 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators in Tiananmen Square.

They were reported by the official Xinhua News Agency and announced on the nationally televised evening news.

The two officers entered China July 23 and "sneaked into a number of restricted military zones in China's southeast coastal areas and illegally acquired military intelligence by photographing and videotaping," Foreign Ministry spokesman Shen Guofang was quoted as saying.

The two officers were identified as Joseph Wei Chan, Air Force liaison officer, and Dwayne Howard Florenzie, assistant Air Force liaison officer. Both are from the US consulate in Hong Kong, Xinhua said.

Shen said the officers were caught "on the spot" last Saturday "by Chinese soldiers on duty," but did not give other details.

White House press secretary Mike McCurry said, "They have been detained and will be released in the next 24 hours."

He said they were traveling on valid visas and diplomatic pass-

ports. If the men were holding diplomatic visas, they should have enjoyed diplomatic immunity, which means they cannot be arrested.

McCurry did not suggest the United States would retaliate.

Both the State Department and the Pentagon had no official comment on the reported expulsions.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher knew of the expulsions before meeting with Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen in Brunei, McCurry said.

The fact that China waited until after the meeting to announce the expulsions suggests that Beijing did not want the incident to further harm relations.

A source at the US Embassy said the two officers failed to contact their families about July 28 or 29. The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the embassy had not been able to contact the men and did not know whether they already had left the country. But he believed the 24-hour period began yesterday morning.

Xinhua said that in applying for visas, the two said they wanted consultations with the US Embassy in Beijing and with consulates staff around China.

"The activities of Joseph Chan and Dwayne Florenzie have violated the law on the protection of military facilities...and the law on control of entry and exits of aliens, and seriously undermined China's national security," Shen said.

Angry crowd greets British children's murder suspect

LONDON (Reuters) — An angry crowd screamed abuse and threw stones as a man charged with the murder of two schoolboys appeared in court in northwest England yesterday.

The two boys — Robbie Gee, 12, and Paul Barker, 13 — were found stabbed to death on Sunday after failing to return from a fishing trip to a local pond near Liverpool.

Around 40 people gathered outside Birkenhead magistrates' court as 36-year-old factory worker Steven Heaney was smuggled inside through a back entrance, his head covered by a blanket.

Heaney said nothing except to confirm his name and address.

On the same day as the double murder, seven-year-old Sophie Hook was snatched from a tent in her uncle's garden in Wales, sexually assaulted and killed.

Police have found a knife which may have been used to kill the boys. A man is being questioned about Sophie's murder, but no body has been charged.

The parents of slain Danish tour guide Louise Jensen came face to face with their daughter's alleged British killers in a Cyprus court yesterday.

Poul Jensen, his wife Annette, and their son Soren sat composed and silent at the back of the courtroom in Larnaca.

Alan Ford, 26, Jeff Pennell, 23, and Justin Fowler, 27, are charged with killing their daughter and sister, Louise, aged 23, after a drinking bout in the resort of Ayia Napa on September 13, 1994.

Nira Gallili, a prosecution forensic biologist, gave evidence of DNA tests on blood samples obtained from the defendants and the dead woman.

A coffee break was spent poring over forensic documents on the findings related to Jensen's death with another prosecution expert from Israel, Paul Brauner.

Jensen had been beaten to death and her body lay in a shallow roadside grave five km from where the soldiers allegedly abducted her. They pleaded not guilty to manslaughter, abduction and conspiracy to rape.

Gallili testified the DNA of blood found on the defendants' clothes matched the DNA profile of vaginal swabs from the body.

Christos Pourgourides, lawyer for Justin Fowler, cited case law where DNA evidence was thrown out as inadmissible. "I am not questioning your abilities or those of Israel," Pourgourides told the witness. "I am questioning DNA testing procedures worldwide."

Gallili replied that the necessary precautions were taken in Israel to prevent any mix-ups during tests.

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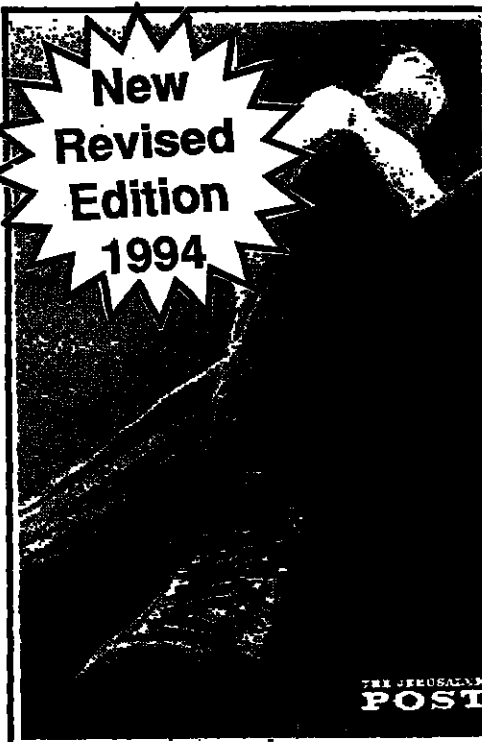
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As we are propelled into the 21st century on the back of a turbo-charged, high-tech-based economy, are social holdovers like sex-stereotyping in career choices finally becoming a thing of the past?

Not according to an unpublished report by the Hadassah Career Counseling Institute. The report, which examines the way Israeli teenagers choose their careers, was coordinated by institute director and psychologist Yitzhak Garty, and is an eye-opener for trend-watchers eagerly anticipating Israel's transformation into an egalitarian society.

"Changes are taking place," says the 50-year-old Garty from his office at Hadassah headquarters in the center of Jerusalem. "But Israel remains a very conservative society, and the process is very slow."

Based on questionnaires sent out to some 1,400 students (715 boys and 687 girls) living in urban areas, the Hadassah study is one of a series of ongoing surveys performed by the Career Counseling Institute since its inception in 1944.

Students from the eighth and ninth grades (13- to 15-year-olds) were selected for the survey because it is at this juncture in their education that they must choose one out of 40 "career tracks" which they will then follow through high school up until the beginning of their military service. Moreover, says Garty, other studies performed by the institute show that the vast majority of boys and girls stick with the career choices they make as adolescents.

Among the institute's findings:
• Of the adolescents surveyed, equal numbers of boys and girls want to enter the same three professions which top a list of the 10 most popular career choices: law (approximately 19 percent); business management (15 percent); and medicine (15 percent).
• After that, however, youngsters choose careers predominantly along gender-based lines. Boys invariably pick careers where men already predominate, and which women tend to

WINSTON PICKETT

stay away from. For example, 11 percent of boys were interested in working with computers, against 1 percent of girls. • Women tend to gravitate towards vocations that men almost universally avoid: acting (girls 10 percent; boys 3 percent); social work (girls 5 percent; boys 1 percent); and psychology (girls 10 percent; boys 3 percent).
• The criteria for selecting a career also reflect well-established social roles. Both sexes put salary as their foremost consideration. After income level, however, the second and third most important considerations for boys are chances for promotion and advancement (girls rank this fourth) and fringe benefits (fifth for girls).

Girls have a different set of criteria: they rank degree of interest next after salary (boys rank this fourth) and "possibility for self-expression" as the third most important quality in the work place (boys rank this sixth).
• The parents' career plays a significant role in influencing their children's choice of career track. The father's career generally has a positive influence on career selection for both boys and girls, whereas the mother's career has a predominantly negative influence.

WHILE THE survey does not present what Garty describes as "earth-shattering" new information on adolescents' career choices, there are a few surprises.
Take the figure pointing to a sizable jump in girls' desire to become therapists, says Garty. Ten years ago, psychology was the near exclusive province of men. In the interim, women have entered the field in sizable numbers. But Garty warns against interpreting this trend as a sign that women are breaking into a hitherto male domain. In fact, he says, the opposite is true.

"Studies have shown that when women enter a profession its status goes down, and along with it, the income," he says. Men originally entered the field because they thought they would make a lot of money, based on the

American model of private practice. When they found out that most positions were with public-run [and hence, financed] clinics, it lost its appeal.

In fact, says Garty, the decision of women to enter psychology belongs to the same cluster of reasons which govern their tendency to select two other popular professions: theater and social work. "The reason why all three are preferred by women - and rejected by men - is that they appeal to their emotional rather than intellectual side," he says.

But there are other reasons behind the female decision not to enter occupations usually associated with men. For one, there is an awareness of a "glass ceiling," the invisible ceiling that prevents women from advancing to top leadership posts. "Sure you may see women security guards at airports or in other so-called male professions," says Garty, "but they don't gravitate to them because they know the chances for upper-echelon advancement are slim."

That may explain why the Hadassah study shows women steering clear of careers in which their mothers may have been successful. While 16 percent of daughters of managers said they would like to follow in their mother's footsteps, a telling 58 percent said they would prefer another profession altogether. "They listened to their mother's frustrations," says Garty, "and decided that it's better to stay away."

Yet despite the resolute refusal of men to take up professions that are anything but male-associated and male-dominated, women slowly seem to be moving into new areas. Both business administration and law have shown net gains in terms of desirability for women in the last decade, observes Garty.

What surprised him, however, was the extent (around 5 percent) to which girls and women seem to stay away from professions that require some technological expertise - professions like electrical engineering or even computer programming. This is particularly perplexing considering the proliferation and accessibility of personal computers.



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On the other hand, the Hadassah study shows that women alone have successfully broken barriers into previously gender-dominated careers. "The one most popular area we can pinpoint that is novel is that so many girls - a full 15 percent - want to go into business administration. Ten years ago this was a strictly male domain."

And this pattern isn't restricted just to this one profession, suggesting, says Garty, several dynamics for change within Israeli society.

Based on the most recent study and a study performed in 1993, Hadassah researches found that while boys tend to stick to the top three or four professions, women are increasing their reputation in at least eight areas, including social work and psychology. "Where

change is taking place, it is being done by women," he says.

On the other hand, Garty finds the female aversion to technology to be troublesome in the light of Israel's increasingly high-tech economy. "In a world that is becoming so technological," he says, the large gap between boys and girls [choosing to enter related fields] can't be serving the country well."

Fashion houses bank on fragrances for fresh allure

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A company which isn't launching a new fragrance is dead," Philippe Fournes, one of the international marketing directors of Rochas, the veteran French fashion and beauty company, told a press conference in Tel Aviv last month.

Fournes also made the point that perfumes bearing the label of a famous fashion house tend to do better than those which don't, though few perfumes can lay claim to immortality.

The overwhelming majority evaporate from production lines within a few years. Even those which do survive are given their new leases on life in updated bottles. The shape, cut and color of the bottle are important contributing factors in market appeal.

To illustrate his opening statement, Fournes cited Rochas itself. The Rochas fortunes were on a downward spiral until September 1994 and the advent of Tocade, a light, sophisticated fragrance, which almost instantly propelled Rochas into eighth place on the French market.

In 1993, Rochas - which had not released a new fragrance since 1987 - had a 4.1 percent share of the market. Once Tocade joined perennially good Rochas sellers such as Femme and Madame Rochas, the market share moved up to 4.5 percent. This year it jumped to fifth position with 5.3 percent. "Tocade brought up the whole company to the level it is now," enthused Fournes, emphasizing that the line "had a crucial mission for the company's future."

The Rochas philosophy is not a new one.



'Tocade' propelled Rochas into eighth place on the French market.

Coco Chanel realized it well over half a century ago when, in a fit of rebellion against the oriental odors of the day, she introduced what has become an enduring status symbol - Chanel No. 5.

Other designers were quick to

follow suit: Gres, Carven, Schiaparelli, Ricci, Molyneux, Patou, Balenciaga - then later Dior, Saint Laurent et al.

In more recent years we've been treated to an ever-increasing variety of other alluring (and sometimes repulsive) scents bear-

ing the imprimatur of Givenchy, Oscar de la Renta, Karl Lagerfeld, Guy Laroche, Giorgio Armani, Joop, Krizia, Kenzo, Ted Lapidus, Liz Claiborne, Loris Azzaro, Ralph Lauren, Calvin Klein, Carolina Herrera, Issey Miyake, Laura Biagiotti and - a Johnny-come-lately for a venerable firm - Cerruti.

Founded as a textile factory in 1881, Cerruti came to international attention through latter-day designer Nino Cerruti, whose fashion imprint graces not only the runways but the movies. His credit has appeared on more than 50 films, and stars whom he has dressed (on- and off-screen) include Jean-Paul Belmondo, Michael Douglas, Richard Gere, Jack Nicholson, Robert Redford, Clint Eastwood, Kim Basinger and Sharon Stone.

His new fragrance, Cerruti 1881 Pour Femme, is only his second effort at complementing his fashion creativity with scents. His initial venture was on behalf of the males of the species.

Retailing at NIS 144 for 30 ml., NIS 212 for 50 ml. and NIS 289 for 100 ml., Pour Femme is a delicate and unpretentious perfume. In fact for my taste, it is a little too light because it does not linger very long on the skin.

By contrast L'Eau D'Issey, the latest offering from Issey Miyake, though also light, with a fresh, floral bouquet, has much more staying power. Those who can't afford to pay NIS 443 for a 15-ml. bottle of perfume will find that the 50 ml. bottle of Eau de Toilette selling for NIS 226 in spray form and NIS 204 in regular, is perfectly adequate and, most important, free of alcohol.

Women are being well and truly courted in the fragrance field. Another new perfume which has just hit the shelves is Donna by Trussardi. A harmonious blend

of floral and citrus spices, Donna comes complete with a certificate of authenticity in an elegant no-frills bottle protected by a spill-proof plastic container. The price for a 50-ml. bottle of Eau de Parfum is NIS 215.

But back to Rochas. Careful not to become intoxicated by its current wave of success, Rochas is holding back on a worldwide launch of Byzance, a sensual, aromatic mosaic of Eastern and Western influences. The timing has to be right according to Fournes, and next year seems propitious.

A couple of years back, Rochas expanded its lines to include make-up and skin-care products. Demonstrator Fabian Jindre, in a most unusual marketing technique, listed Dior, Lancome, Lancaster, Rubinstein, Lauder and Guerlain as Rochas's keenest competitors. Or perhaps it was just a clever ploy to indicate, to those who haven't tried them, that Rochas products are in the same league.

Clothes and cosmetics fall into the chicken and the egg syndrome. What came first, the designers' dictates or the styles of the street? It's a little of both.

Both the Rochas fashion collection and the lipstick and nail-varnish trends are inspired by Hollywood - specifically by Pulp Fiction. Thus red, in its brightest, gaudiest shades, has become dominant. The movie itself inspired copycat dressing in the street. Rochas borrowed from the rough outlines and refined them.

So did many other fashion and cosmetics houses.

Now the style and color are back on the street, where they will be revamped again before yet another interpretation, and the setting of yet another new trend by the design teams.

In Egypt, tying the knot can cost

"It's ridiculous," says the 25-year-old Egyptian engineer. His fiancée nods in agreement.

"We're hiring a belly-dancer with a chandelier and Western and Eastern bands. We've ordered a 10-tier cake and laser show. A singer is also coming. And by the way, we're also almost broke," added Ahmad Salem, describing his wedding set for late July.

"But if we didn't do all this, what would the guests say, that our daughter isn't good enough for a proper wedding?" asked fiancée Sahar Kamal, mimicking her mother.

The couple shrug resignedly. He sighs. She seems near to tears. Their combined annual salaries total less than \$13,000 in a country where weddings can now cost as much as \$30,000.

In Egypt, who comes to your wedding and how much it costs define your standing as much as the car you drive.

For the unemployed and impoverished majority of Egypt's 60 million people, spending up to 100,000 Egyptian pounds (\$30,000) on the night of a lifetime was not an option until social clubs and community halls introduced wedding-by-installment schemes.

Now, instead of spending at most about \$300 on strings of fairy lights and enough sherbat - a syrupy celebration drink - to keep the neighborhood happy, many are borrowing from relatives or employers to keep up appearances.

Guests at a posh Cairo hotel can enjoy a three-course buffet in the mirrored ballroom for an average cost of 100 Egyptian

pounds (\$30) per person. A minimum of 200 people is usual, meaning a cost of at least \$6,000 - before extras like a belly-dancer (\$1,500), Eastern and Western bands (up to \$2,700 total), cake (up to \$300) and laser show (up to \$450).

A BELLY-DANCER and tables groaning under piles of food have for centuries been the basis of a socially acceptable Egyptian wedding.

The bride sits statuesque on a throne-like chair beside her husband, grinning inanely at her guests after being heralded into the room by a 30-strong band complete with cymbals, trumpets and tambourines.

The buffet comes about halfway through the ceremony, which can last as long as six hours. With full stomachs, the guests settle down to enjoy the band, occasionally ululating with pleasure.

Marriage in Islam is a two-part affair: the official agreement between the couple witnessed by a cleric, and the announcement the marriage has taken place. Some think the bigger the announcement, the more religious they are.

Some strict Moslems frown on these ceremonies, calling them modern innovations and quoting a saying of the Prophet Mohammed that all innovations lead to damnation.

"Some couples flout what is perceived as their social duty and do their own thing, not spending tons of money and having a good time," said Kamal. "But they are brave and we are not."

Salem sighs and nods.

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Generals to the rescue

THE government's decision to send retired generals and former high officials of the security services to "sell" the peace process in the US is ill advised.

The reason for such a move is obvious enough. While there are some in the Jewish community and among Evangelical Christians who believe there is a religious and moral prohibition against forfeiting any part of the Land of Israel, most friends of Israel - like most Israelis - are more concerned about security.

Such concern does not mean that a large majority of Israel's friends oppose the peace process as such. On the contrary. No true friend of Israel can want anything but peace. But if the latest opinion polls are any indication, grave doubts about the government's direction are ubiquitous. For the first time since Israel was established, large segments of the pro-Israel community have lost confidence in the government's ability to safeguard the country's vital interests.

One of the things Israel's friends find particularly difficult to digest is the government's fervent advocacy of American assistance to the PLO. They are put off by the Israeli Embassy's casting as villains those who express doubts about the wisdom of subsidizing the PLO. Nor can they understand why Israeli officials denounce Americans who demand that the Palestinian Authority live up to its commitments under the Oslo agreement before it receives American money. The measure of friendship for Israel used to be support for aid to Israel; now only enthusiastic supporters of subsidies for the PLO seem to make the grade.

To counter such misgivings about Israeli policy, the Foreign Ministry is recruiting Israelis who have held high positions in the defense establishment to serve as government mouthpieces in the US. The ministry believes that if generals tell American audiences that the agreement with the PLO is working well and that it is safe to evacuate the Golan, the doubters will be persuaded to remove their objections and support government policies.

But there are problems with sending military personnel on such missions. First, there is something odious about using the army and the security services for a bluntly political purpose. Using former GSS chief Ya'acov Perry, for instance, to purvey a political line can only tarnish his former position and compromise his successor.

Nor will such moves remain unchallenged.

The opposition will undoubtedly counter by sending generals who vehemently oppose current policies. And instead of the Israeli army being above the political battle - an instrument of the state rather than of the party in power - the "war of the generals" will become an ugly part of the debate in the US over Israel's direction.

But even more offensive is the premise on which this move is based. For years, those who advocate territorial concessions and the relinquishment of strategic assets to the Palestinians and the Arab regimes have been saying that such assets no longer matter, because peace is the most effective defense.

Now the government is asking, not statesmen or historians, but *generals* to assure Americans that peace is indeed a defense asset. But relying on generals to evaluate the prospects of peace, which depend wholly on the intentions of potential enemies, is as incongruous as it is foolhardy.

To predict what an adversary intends to do, military men - whose historic scope is limited and training one-sided - are no more qualified than the proverbial man in the street. There is no better example of this inadequacy, and the disastrous consequences of relying only on military wisdom, than the judgment call made by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin himself in July 1973. Subscribing to the conventional wisdom of the time (known in Israel as "the concept"), Rabin wrote a long, analytic article contending that war with the Arabs was impossible. The Arab regimes, he wrote, were both unwilling and unable to go to war against Israel.

Then as now, Rabin - a former prime minister and chief of staff - was known not only for his brilliant analytical mind but as a top authority on military affairs. His prognosis undoubtedly encouraged the nation's tragic complacency. Yet it was not his military assessment that was wrong. Based on past Arab defeats, the balance of forces in 1973, and Israel's many strategic advantages, military logic dictated that war was not a viable option for the Arabs. The economic, psychological, and political factors - and most especially the difference between Middle Eastern thinking and Western rationale - were not taken into account.

One should like to hope that neither the government nor the opposition will again be seduced into viewing security solely through military eyes. If war is too serious a matter to be left to generals, peace most certainly is.

A tenuous hold on democracy

A prominent Washington lawyer and former high official in the Pentagon called *The Jerusalem Post* last night. "I am on Jaffa Road [in Jerusalem] on my way to a restaurant," he said. "A few minutes ago, two 15-year-old boys, standing next to me on the sidewalk, yelled to the police 'Cossaks! Shame!' Several policemen swooped over, grabbed them with force and hauled them into a police van. Is there a law in this country against yelling epithets at the police?"

A woman called a few minutes later. "I just saw a 12 year old thrown into a police van and mercilessly beaten with clubs. The mounted police charged the crowds on the sidewalks as they were dispersing. Some were trampled by the horses. One 17-year-old girl was taken to the hospital in an ambulance. One of the police commanders was heard saying to his men, 'What you are doing is holy work.'"

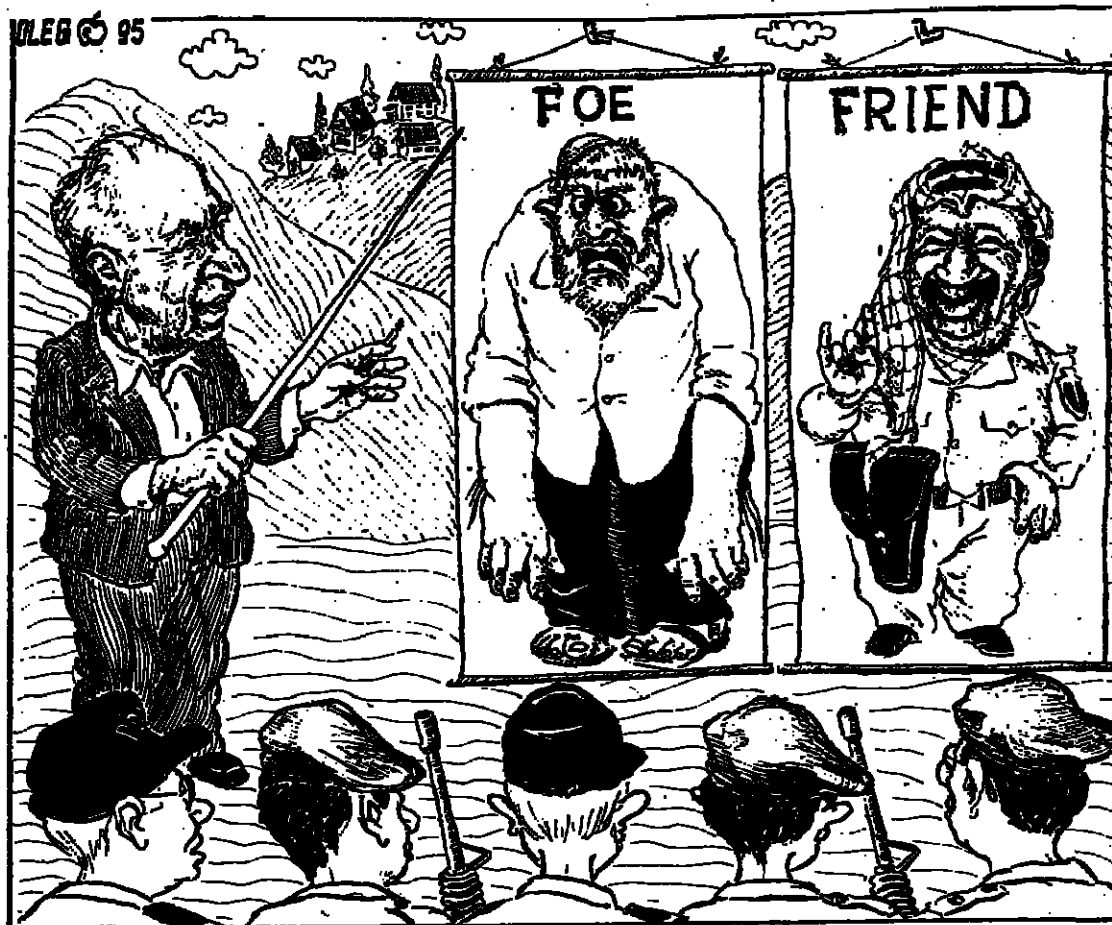
Rabbi Shalom Riskin, formerly one of America's most prominent rabbis and now a rabbi in Efrat and *The Jerusalem Post's* religion

columnist, is known for his dovish opinions. But to protest the government's intention to withdraw from Judea and Samaria he joined the demonstrators on Givat Hadagan this week.

Arrested yesterday, he was told late in the evening that he would be released unconditionally. He said he would go home only if the detained leader of the demonstration, Nadia Matar, would be released. He was assured that she had already been sent home. Only as he was being driven to Efrat did he learn from a news broadcast that the police had lied to him - she had not been released - and he insisted on being returned to prison.

The reason Riskin was released was that there was pressure on the government from the US. But the police announced that he was being released for health reasons. As of 11 p.m. last night no one knew where Matar was being kept. Her lawyer was not even informed where she would be brought before a judge to be booked.

Israel's hold on democratic procedures seems to be getting more tenuous every day.



Rabin's amazing reaction

URI DAN
DENNIS EISENBERG

IN the flood of anger and national distress following the bomb attack on bus No. 20 near Ramat Gan's Diamond Exchange last week, not enough attention was paid to the initial reaction of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

As reported in *The Jerusalem Post* (July 25), Rabin claimed that "...there is no basis to the various reports that Hamas and Islamic Jihad have reached agreements with the Palestinian Authority on halting terrorism. We had clear reports over the past three months about their desire to carry out attacks... close to the date of achieving an agreement."

Rabin's words exposed the bankruptcy of his policy of giving increasingly larger chunks of territory and authority to the PLO. He knows that Arafat has no control whatsoever over Hamas, Islamic Jihad or vast numbers of Palestinians in Gaza, Judea and Samaria.

The bus attack followed similar outrages committed at Beit Lid, Dizengoff, Hadera, etc. To date, there have been over 200 Israeli casualties, dead and wounded, since the Oslo accords.

True, Arafat "criticized" the attacks. But, as a senior intelligence source told us: "These are the crocodile tears of a man mocking Israel. Hamas, Islamic Jihad and his own private army train an increasing number of recruits openly in Gaza, Jericho and West Bank areas from which the Israeli army is withdrawing. Explosives and arms are pouring into the country via Gaza in increasing quantities."

Rabin's statement contradicts the widespread media disinformation campaign, encouraged by the government, that Arafat has successfully forced Hamas to cease terrorist acts.

Hamas has not been tamed, as the premier admits. On the contrary, its leaders believe that terror helps Arafat gain more power. Every bomb attack, every Israeli killed, forces Rabin to accelerate his program of concessions.

So why should Arafat even try to stop terrorism? It is against his best interests. His few token arrested "suspects" are invariably freed within days.

The prime minister's confession that a planned attack on July 24 was known is remarkable. If this is true, why was nothing done? Why wasn't a massive ef-

fort made to pinpoint precisely the attack's location? As the date was known, surely security chiefs could have prevented it?

Yet as far as we know, and at a cost of six dead and over 30 injured, nothing was done. "The sad truth is that our hitherto highly efficient security services are being castrated," said a security expert.

"They have to be careful not to upset Arafat by getting too tough. They have no control over the activities of hundreds of freed

ment ministers keep putting it, could not have been more clearly expressed.

Police Minister Moshe Shahal was the first to feel their sense of betrayal and outrage. His face as white as his carefully coiffured hair, he blanched at the screams hurled at him of being a "member of a government of murderers." Visibly shaken, he was hustled away from the scene by police into the safety of a nearby parlor converted into a temporary police headquarters.

Rabin too made a lightning visit to Ramat Gan. His tight ring of bodyguards tried hard to deflect him from the screams and shouts of onlookers calling out: "Killer of Jews. Traitor. Traitor."

This is no novelty to Rabin, but the crowd's reaction to the arrival of Chief of General Staff Amnon Lipkin-Shahak came as a shock. For the first time in our experience, an army chief was the victim of a crowd's abuse. Israelis have always treated their military commanders as national heroes and with the deepest respect.

As one onlooker put it: "I never dreamt that the day would dawn when I heard our top military officer abused by a crowd of ordinary Israelis. I guess people are not stupid. They resent the way the top brass of the army has been deeply politicized by the present government. Instead of concentrating on defending the country they are scuttling around trying to negotiate a deal with Arab leaders."

For once there could be no dismissive comments in the media about the demonstrators being "setler fanatics" or "kippa-wearing anti-Zionist zealots." These were ordinary people.

Rabin was deeply stung. He said: "Those demonstrating in Ramat Gan against me, the police minister and the chief of staff, were guided by the opposition. They are cooperating with Islamic terrorists."

These words are maliciously false and misleading. Impatience at the lack of security is reaching boiling point - even in Ramat Gan. Shahal, Rabin and Shahak would be wise to heed the voice of the people, as President Weizman warned following the outrage.

The writers are authors of *The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and other books on the Middle East*.

If the government knew that a suicide attack was planned for July 24, it should have prevented it

killers now roaming around with arrogant disdain and freedom to do as they please. The network of informers, on whom the security services could rely in the past, is in shreds."

As one man, now in hiding in fear of being betrayed to the merciless executioners of either Hamas or the PLO, put it: "We helped Israel in the past, but who is now mad enough to risk his neck and pass on information to men who have thrown us to the dogs?"

EVEN WORSE, Rabin has ordered the security services to collaborate with Arafat. As *Ha'aretz* put it: "The attack took place despite this collaboration." It is worse than that. The bombing in Ramat Gan occurred because of the trust put in Arafat's gang of thieves and murderers called his "security service."

It is as though the PLO has now been granted the same status as the FBI, or the European security agencies who once cooperated on a professional level with their Israeli counterparts.

Immediately after the Ramat Gan bomb attack, hundreds of office workers and passersby rushed to the scene. Their anger and despair at yet another "price to be paid for peace," as govern-

Take back the night

MACABEE DEAN

THE women of Israel are the chief culprits if judges continue to hand down ridiculously light sentences to rapists.

These women, through organizations like Na'amat, WIZO and many others, could reverse the situation within a short time if they would take appropriate steps instead of just complaining about injustices.

Mere words don't help. For example, exactly one day before Haifa Judge Eliahu Cohen handed down what has since been called a "laughable" sentence - three to six months' community service for repeatedly gang-raping a retarded girl over an extended period - President Ezer Weizman formally called on the judges to mete out stiffer punishments to rapists.

Let us compare Judge Cohen's "slap-on-the-wrist" sentence with the situation in the US.

According to the US Department of Justice's latest report (published in April) the average sentence for rape was almost 10 years.

Among violent crimes, only homicide, with an average sentence of more than 12 years, was considered more serious among violent crimes. Kidnapping came third with eight years.

WOMEN here should insist that every rape case be heard by a female judge. Women have very different viewpoints than men on rape. Is it conceivable that a woman judge would act like a male? No one expects an all-white jury in the US to hand down the same verdict as a mixed-race jury on a black

If a laughable rape sentence is handed down, women should start a public movement to have the sentence appealed

charged with raping a white woman.

Legislation stipulating that women judges hear rape cases will take a long time to be promulgated. So, until this law is passed, the women's organizations, plus civil rights activists, should send a delegation to court every day to follow proceedings in rape cases.

The very presence of a "judicial watch dog group" in court should make most judges realize that they themselves are on trial and being judged.

Of course, there will be outcries of "sub judice," that the "watch dogs" are influencing the outcome of the trial. The judicial reply is simple: professional judges cannot be influenced; they are not juries swayed by emotion.

This is nonsense. Most judges will admit that they are only flesh and blood, liable to make mistakes.

Precedents for public outcries have been set by the disgraceful Shomrat rape case; by the Tel Aviv *dayan* (religious court judge) who extracted sexual favors from his victims for expediting their divorces, and many other miscarriages of justice.

If a laughable sentence is handed down, women should start a public movement to have the sentence appealed; at the same time they should picket the court, carrying such placards as:

"Equality for the victims of crime and criminals" and "How would you Your Honour react if your daughter was raped?"

Simultaneously, thousands of postcards and letters should be sent to the specific judge and to all judges; to Knesset members; and to the media. If women start a campaign now, they could convince every political party to add to its platform - elections are only 15 months away - a resolution dealing with rape.

Many other steps could be taken. But the main step is for women to stop waiting and "gird up their loins" for battle. Until they do, all their complaints will not help one iota.

The writer is a freelancer.



This is the good old days of the Miss America pageant, when contestants wore swimsuits and nobody objected. These young nubile are lined up for the maiden pageant in 1921. (AP)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ATTACK ON AUSTRIA

Sir, - As an Israeli born in Vienna, Austria, who has lived and fought here for over fifty years, I take strong objection to Ms. Miriam Ben-Shalom's attack (*The Jerusalem Post*, July 25) on the visit of Austria's Secretary of State to the Orient House.

Ms. Ben-Shalom is entitled to her opinion that all foreign visitors should be prohibited to set foot into that building. But to single out the Austrian government and wrap a purely political problem with the Holocaust demeans the issue - or worse - demeans the Holocaust.

Where was Ms. Ben-Shalom when the Austrian government was the only one in Europe to actively help us with what was then a nearly-

illegal exodus of Jews from the USSR? Did she complain then?

To demand that the Austrian government act not in accordance with what they conceive the right policy, but view everything concerning Israel only in the light of Austria's part in the Hitler years, means one thing only: that our case is so weak, that we need to demand of others to support us, even if they think we are wrong.

As for a piece of demagoguery that asks for a change of Austrian foreign policy because Faisal Hussein's uncle dealt with Austrian-born Hitler - you'll have to look hard to find one equating it.

DAVID RUBINGER
Jerusalem.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Sir - Hanna Semer's "No Handouts for Women" (July 24) tries to frame the entire problem of discrimination against women as that of women simply unwilling to take the initiative. She claims that affirmative action favoring women discriminates against men.

It's outrageous that Semer holds up third world countries as examples of feminist progress without affirmative action. Those few women who have attained power have done so because their male relatives achieved power before them. Were it not for their prominent family connections, these women wouldn't have been given the time of day. Affirmative action isn't a call for more tokenism. It's about creating a culture that isn't hostile to women's advancement, a temporary remedy to help cure the disease.

No, Ms. Semer, women aren't asking for handouts. They just need extra help to break through the male-created power structures they're kept out of, consciously or not.

KEITH BERMAN
Beit Shemesh.

LOVING CARE

Sir - At a time when criticism of the Israeli health system is popular, I want to publicly thank and compliment the entire staff of the Soroka Medical Center Oncology Dept. I do not have sufficient words to describe the loving care or the professional expertise given my wife during the

last days of her recent illness. Besides professional care, they gave of themselves with sympathy, devotion, sensitivity, kindness and expertise. Sometimes to thank is not enough and sometimes it says all. Thank you.
GEORGE ALPERIN
Beersheba.

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Take action against passive committee

DEAR RUTHIE
RUTHIE BLUM



Dear Ruthie,
We have been living in our apartment since the building was erected in 1991. A person nominated herself to head the "va'ad bayit" (tenants' committee). We pay maintenance fees every six months, and though we have requested it, have never seen a balance sheet accounting for how the money is spent.

The apartments were expensive, but the building is becoming shoddy due to poor maintenance and lack of cleaning. All complaints to her have been ignored. How can we have redress?

Vexed at the Va'ad
Kfar Sava

Dear Attacked,
There is no way to avoid being the occasional scapegoat of the ill-mannered, especially when you possess something enviable, like a lucrative career. But if you find yourself constantly surrounded by enemy fire, you ought to be examining your choice of social circles.

Your response to such rude ramblings should be to remove yourself from the immediate premises (go to the bathroom perhaps, or to the buffet - in the worst case, to the exit).

For a little revenge, you might try finding out what one of your attackers does for a living - and in what glass house he or she resides - so as to get in a little stone throwing of your own.

Dear Ruthie,
Like all her friends, my 14-year-old daughter wears torn clothing: Her jeans have huge holes at the knees (which she put there!), and her T-shirts are ripped at the shoulders.

As if that weren't bad enough, she ices the cake by buying only incredibly expensive imported leather shoes.

She looks like a pauper from the ankles up, and a princess from the ankles down. What can I do to instill a little good taste? Is there some kind of reverse psychology I can employ?

Torn over Tatters
Jerusalem

Dear Tatter Torn,
If what you mean is how to instill some of your own taste in your daughter, you need to wait until the fashion changes - or until your daughter gets a little older. As things stand now, your pauper princess probably is considered to have exquisite taste in some circles. Though you may see her as a kind of rebel, her fashion consciousness, ironically, may be something she picked up from you.

If you're looking to psychology to assist you, I suggest examining your own past as a teenager to find any parallels.

Letters should be addressed to: 'Dear Ruthie,' POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. (Ruthie regrets not being able to guarantee publication of every letter, but will answer every letter received.)

Dear Va'ad Vexed,
Call a tenants' meeting (hang a sign at least a week in advance on the building's bulletin board, or personally pass out invitations door to door) to elect the va'ad, this time with a majority vote. (Since many tenants are happy to escape this thankless and time-consuming duty, you may have to be prepared to take it upon yourselves.)

The new elected representatives can then demand from the current committee head that she hand over all receipts, logs, etc. pertaining to the maintenance of the building. If she fails to do so, the new va'ad can take legal action against her through the office of the mefukeh al ba'im meshuafim (which is a department of the Real Estate Registrar). One hopes this woman has been more negligent than criminal, in which case she may be happy to abdicate the throne.

Dear Ruthie,
I am a doctor and my wife is a lawyer. Wherever we go, people seem compelled to tell us every ill of our professions (i.e., horror stories about medical negligence, or greedy attorneys harming their clients' cases).

There are many jokes circulating about poor doctors and lawyers getting cornered at parties from people who want free advice. If only that were true! I'd much prefer being consulted than attacked as a charlatan. How is one to respond?

Attacked as a Quack
Somewhere in Israel



A performance during the Bethlehem International Festival, which was the first cultural event to be sponsored by the Palestinian Authority. (Bethlehem Press Office)

Music with a message at Bethlehem festival

MAXINE KAUFMAN NUNN

THE diversity of the crowds at this month's Bethlehem International Festival was reflected in the variety of women's dress: from blue jeans and T-shirts to traditional Moslem head-coverings.

The festival was the first cultural event sponsored by the Palestinian Authority's Ministry of Culture. It featured local Arab performers alongside acts from Jordan, Chile, Britain, the US, South Africa, Spain and France. A second Jordanian group was at the last minute refused Israeli visas.

The atmosphere was relaxed and festive, with students and visitors strolling around the campus in the cool evening before performances or during intermission, snacking on sandwiches, tea, soft drinks and even popcorn. Festival T-shirts, CDs by performing groups, mosaics by a local craftsman and raffle tickets - first prize, 750 Jordanian dinars - were on sale.

A number of the visiting ensembles expressed sympathy for Palestinian independence. The performance by Crossing Borders, a US group with some Jordanian members, included songs

about Ireland, "which is still occupied [by Britain], like you." The group's director, Russell Packard, said they believe that "before we talk about peace we have to talk about justice, because without justice there will be no real peace."

Inti Ilimani, a Chilean group whose members spent 1973 to 1988 in political exile, is now based in Italy. "During these 15 years," said spokesman Jorge Colon, "we met many Palestinians and we learned from them the meaning of exile and many things that we had to teach our people."

One of the group's songs told about how the once-abundant trees in their country were being cut down and sold abroad so Chileans could buy cars.

Another group, Washem from Jerusalem, presented several songs describing the suffering of Palestinians during the intifada. One told of a prisoner's wife who daily climbs a hill overlooking a prison, hoping for a glimpse of her husband going in or out of his jail tent.

There were only a handful of

Israelis at the festival, mostly invited by friends from Bethlehem or by the Palestinian Ministry of Culture. It is a consequence of the political situation that the festival was not advertised inside the Green Line.

Many Arabs still do not fully accept the idea of normal relations with Israel, and this was reflected in the paucity of groups from Arab countries. Egyptian groups, for instance, told festival organizers that they were unwilling to come to the West Bank as long as it remains occupied by Israel. They would not even appear in Gaza or Jericho since they see them as not yet fully independent.

Another consequence of the political situation is the fact that just a week before the Bethlehem festival, a similar event which presented many of the same groups, took place at Bir Zeit University near Ramallah. Two festivals were necessary, the organizers decided, because people in Samaria would not be able to attend any of the numerous festival performances in Judea, or vice versa, without the long drive along the twisting Wadi Naar road that bypasses Jerusalem.

New light on South Africa's dark, dirty past

SLOW as molasses and just as sticky, confessions about apartheid's darkest secrets are emerging. The nation's first all-race government is moving toward hearings on the past.

Former government spies and security agents are telling of killings, intimidation, propaganda campaigns and other desperate acts by the previous white rulers, aimed at discrediting or destroying the black opposition.

The government is accused of such deeds as:

- Giving guns to members of the Zulu nationalist Inkatha Freedom Party during the early 1990s to help it in its war against Nelson Mandela's African National Congress.

- Using intermediaries to feed damaging disinformation about Winnie Mandela after 1990 to foreign and domestic journalists.

- Forging documents for propaganda purposes, such as a false letter purportedly from the ANC inviting IRA leader Gerry Adams to an ANC conference in 1991. The letter was leaked to the British government in a bid to sour its relations with the ANC.

- Setting explosions in downtown Johannesburg in the late 1980s that were blamed on the ANC, then a banned group carrying out a sabotage campaign.

- Putting poison in the clothes of a prominent anti-apartheid church leader in 1989, almost killing him.

- Intimidating government critics by throwing bricks through windows, smashing car windshields and making anonymous telephone threats.

Paul Erasmus, a former security policeman, and Craig Williamson, once a spy, have led the growing chorus of confessions. Their stories appear to bolster longstanding accusations that former president F.W. de Klerk's government sanctioned violence and nasty tricks against political opponents.

Erasmus said de Klerk's white-minority regime had a two-pronged strategy in the early 1990s, publicly negotiating with the ANC while using clandestine means to weaken and discredit it.

Such allegations will go to a planned Truth Commission being set up by President Nelson Mandela's ANC-dominated government.

DE KLERK, cointerviewer of the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize with Mandela and now a deputy president, has strongly dissociated himself from any wrongdoing. President from 1989 to 1994, he says unconventional methods were used to combat ANC "terrorism" up to 1990, when he freed Mandela from prison, but such tactics were not sanctioned



F.W. de Klerk (left) sits next to Richard Goldstone at the press conference where it was announced that police gave guns to the Inkatha Freedom Party. (AP)

afterwards. But the latest revelations indicate that government dirty tricks did occur after 1990. Now de Klerk says that legal projects may have been carried out illegally by underlings.

While some of the disclosures can be seen as an opportunistic bid by former apartheid foot soldiers to shift blame for crimes onto politicians, the information has helped explain some well-known events.

Erasmus, who testified last year before the Goldstone judicial commission that investigated political violence, told the *Weekly Mail* and *Guardian* newspaper of killings, sabotage and media manipulation he says were carried out on government orders. He insists de Klerk must have known what was going on and called the former president's denials "unbelievable."

Former police commissioner Gen. Johan van der Merwe - implicated in a newly revealed Goldstone report on political violence - said any police actions since 1990 were with the knowledge of de Klerk's government.

"The police and also the security branch were used by the previous government as a tool. It cannot be denied," he said.

Williamson, the former police spy who has admitted participating in mail bombs that killed ANC activists, told Sunday newspapers that de Klerk's government "learned lessons from Nuremberg."

"You don't write those kinds of orders down," he said, adding: "Anyone who was there will tell you that in these structures - and half the Truth Commission will be about this - there were the nod-nod, wink-wink operations as I call them." (AP)

Frame-up: How a good hanging improves your surroundings

FIX IT YOURSELF
TAL KATZ

MANY moons ago, when I was a poor student sharing dorm rooms and dingy apartments with other poor students, a common pastime was searching for cheap ways to spruce up our surroundings. At that time, shopping in the Old City of Jerusalem was as inexpensive as it was safe. It was not at all unusual to buy handwoven rugs and other materials for a song.

Hanging fabric or wall carpets to create a warm atmosphere is still a favorite decorative device. The trouble is how to prevent a piece of material from sagging in the middle, giving that undesirable, billowing-curtain effect. In a few easy steps, and costing just a few shekels, you can get fabric to hang in a taut, framed-like way, without actually getting it framed.

Materials required: two strips of wood (lestim), each 2 cm. shorter than the length of the material from top to bottom. The strips should be about 3 cm. in width, and the thickness should not exceed about 1 cm. These can be purchased at a picture-frame store, or improvised either by sawing any unwanted wood you may have, or by collecting discarded wood from lumberyards or carpenters' workshops; a small can or tube of white carpenter's glue (devek plast) - enough to spread a coat across one side of each wood strip; two thumbtacks (he'atim); a hammer (patish); two masonry nails (masmeret plada), each 3 cm. long; two triangular eye hooks (matlin le-imunot) with four tiny (1 cm.) nails; a pencil; a tape measure (meter) (optional). If the fabric is especially heavy, and you doubt the strength of the adhesive, also purchase 8-10 headless nails - or nails with a very small head - (masmeret lemisgur imunot). These can be purchased at a picture-frame shop for a few agorot.

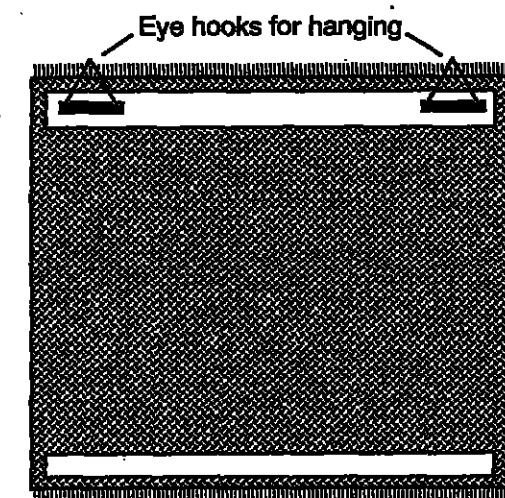
Directions: Select a hard, flat work surface, according to the size of the fabric to be hung. If it is small enough to lie flat on a

table, fine. You may need to work on the floor. With your index finger, apply an even coat of glue all along the flat side of one of the strips of wood. Center the underside edge of the fabric (either top or bottom, rather than sides) on the glued surface of the wood, so that 1 cm. of fabric is hanging off each end. (Remember that the strip is 2 cm. shorter than the width of the fabric.)

For best results, begin by fastening the fabric to the wood with thumbtacks (one on each end of the strip). Then begin smoothing it, a few centimeters at a time - imagine you are applying contact or wallpaper, and must smooth out the bubbles. When the entire length of the wood has been covered with fabric, smooth and pull tightly, before allowing the glue to dry.

Wait a couple of hours before removing the thumbtacks, and before working on the opposite edge. Repeat the above procedure for the other edge of the fabric.

If the fabric is heavy, and there is any risk of its coming unglued after hanging, add reinforcement.



View of wood strips glued to back side of fabric

ment. Hammer four or five headless nails - in intervals along each strip of wood, through the fabric - after glue has dried and thumbtacks have been removed. (The headless nails will be nearly invisible after they are inserted.)

After determining which of the edges is the "top" (according to the design on the fabric, for example), gently flip the whole thing over (wood-side up) to install the eye hooks (these will be at the top). Each eye hook has a tiny horizontal metal strip with two holes in it, and a wire triangle with forward-back movement (like a hinge). Place the eye hook onto the wood about 5-10 cm. from either the right or left edge, so that the triangle is peaking above the edge of the wood. Hammer the two tiny nails through the holes in one of the

metal strips onto the wood. Repeat for the second eye hook. The finished product is like a poster, with hard backing along its top and bottom edges, and two hooks for hanging at the top. It can even be rolled up for storage or moving purposes in this form. To hang: Get someone to assist you, if the fabric is very large. After determining the desired spot on the wall, mark through one of the "triangles" with a pencil onto the wall. Put aside the wall hanging. Hammer a masonry (steel) nail into the mark, so that its head is slanted slightly upward (at a 45° angle). Hang the appropriate eye ("triangle") on the nail. The second nail can be hammered directly through the second eye. (Just make sure it is level with its counterpart. If you don't trust your eyesight, use a tape measure.) The angle of the nails enables you to hang heavier objects, and ensures that the eye hooks do not slip off inadvertently.

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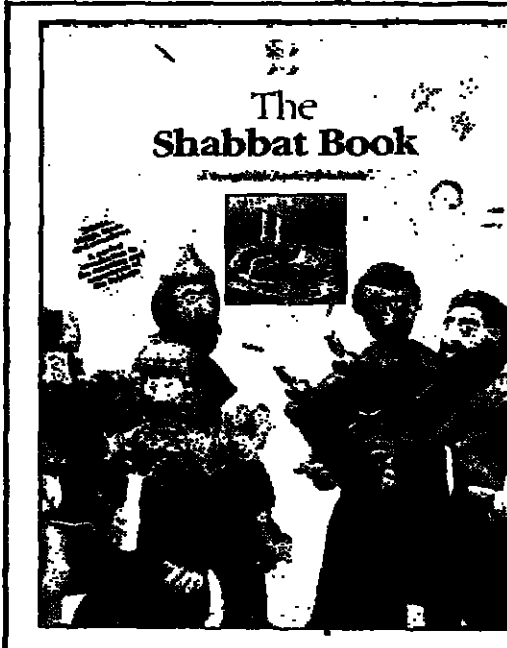
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BUSINESS & FINANCE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 1995

Volvo signs deal to buy 50% stake in Merkavim

VOLVO Bus Corp., the Swedish automobile manufacturer, has signed an agreement in principle to purchase a 50-percent stake in local bus manufacturer Merkavim of the Koor Group.

Both sides agreed to keep details of the transaction confidential.

Volvo will purchase a half share in Merkavim at a price based on a due-diligence evaluation of the company to be performed in the next few weeks.

The companies agreed that Volvo will enter into a strategic cooperation with Merkavim - including providing know-how and technical assistance, as well as access to world supply sources.

The agreement is subject to approval and to the execution of a detailed contract.

In an announcement to the Tel

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

Aviv Stock Exchange, Koor said a new omnibus manufacturing plant will be established in Or Akiva in partnership with Volvo. Yitzhak Zamir, chairman of the board of directors of Merkavim, said the new plant is designed to be one of the most advanced in the world for the manufacture of omnibuses. The plants manufacturing capacity is expected to enable the number of omnibuses manufactured here to double.

"The agreement between Merkavim and Volvo constitutes an important breakthrough for us and will result in Merkavim's being transformed into a leading world manufacturer," said Zamir.

The deal was signed Tuesday night by Koor general manager

Benny Gaon and Volvo omnibus group president Bjorn Larsen.

The agreement was also signed by Volvo's local representatives - Israel Kaz and Ya'akov Shachar of the Meir company - Merkavim general manager Alex Magen and Zamir.

Merkavim is the largest omnibus manufacturer in the country, producing about 350 omnibuses annually.

Gaon said the agreement is part of the group's desire to become a multinational concern. He said Volvo's decision to engage in the transaction shows the company's faith in the Israeli economy and Koor.

The agreement was signed about three weeks after Koor announced the introduction of Hensel as a strategic partner in Sod, a subsidiary of Shemen.

Dollar soars above 90 yen

LONDON (Reuters) - The dollar soared above 90 yen in a hectic trading session yesterday after the US Federal Reserve threw its weight behind a set of new moves by the Tokyo government to tame the mighty Japanese currency.

Japan's Finance Ministry

caught a slumbering currency market on the hop as it unveiled a package to promote overseas investment by Japanese institutions.

The US central bank later swept in on a dollar-buying spree, with the Bank of Japan buying jointly with the US authorities.

The dollar, after challenging the 90-yen level in Tokyo, was having trouble establishing itself above that level until the Federal Reserve unleashed its big guns. It then moved briefly to 91 yen before easing back later.

Analysts said 92 and even 94 yen were now within range.

The new measures included allowing Japanese insurance companies to make loans in foreign currencies to overseas lenders. Encouraging overseas investment by Japanese institutions should help rein in the yen by boosting demand for dollars and other currencies.

Shohat: Give priority to farmers in periphery

JOSE ROSENFELD

FINANCE Minister Avraham Shohat yesterday called on Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur to give higher priority to agricultural investments located in the country's periphery.

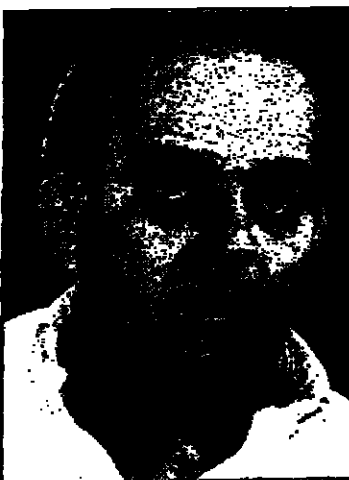
Shohat said the Agriculture Ministry is the only ministry which does not have a policy of giving preferential financial assistance to the periphery over the center of the country.

He demanded that grant levels for investments in the country's center be lowered to make more money available for the periphery.

"It is inconceivable that investments in hothouses for flowers and vegetables in the country's center receive government grants of 40 percent, at the same levels provided to the farmers located in the country's periphery," said Shohat.

He pointed out to Tsur that according to the Agricultural Investment Encouragement Law, the maximum grant cannot be higher than 20%.

The additional 20% in financial assistance is given to farmers as



Tsur: Periphery's needs should not be excuse to shirk obligations to other farmers. (Uzi Keren)

administrative grants, allowing Tsur to dispose of those as he wishes.

Galit Lipkis Beck adds:

Tsur said he agrees with the proposal to expand financial assistance to agriculture in the periphery, but emphasized the Treasury should not use the periphery's needs as an excuse to shirk the government's obligations to other farmers.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Tax change will give some retirees refund: Retirees deriving income from a business will be entitled to tax refunds under Treasury-sponsored tax changes adopted by the Knesset late on Tuesday, the Finance Ministry announced yesterday. The new law amends tax changes introduced last year that imposed a higher initial tax bracket of 30 percent for income that was not produced from work.

Jose Rosenfeld

Proposal would eliminate tax exemption on some gov't bonds: The Treasury yesterday forwarded a proposal to eliminate the tax exemption on "Gilon" and "Shahar" government bonds to businesses for Knesset Finance Committee approval. Under the proposal, only individuals and mutual funds will continue benefiting from the tax exemption.

The "Gilon" is an unlinked bond that pays variable interest rates, while the "Shahar" is a proposed unlinked bond bearing a set interest rate.

Jose Rosenfeld

Tsur to discuss miscalculated debt with kibbutzim: Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur and representatives of the Kibbutz Headquarters will meet on Sunday to look into the kibbutz sector's debts to the banks following a report which concluded that a bank miscalculated the debts of a kibbutz client.

Galit Lipkis Beck

The Treasury has signed a deal with the Vegetables Council increasing the budget of price supports to growers for the second half of the year, while lowering price support payments. The agreement on Tuesday came on the heels of large vegetable surpluses so far this year.

The Agriculture and Finance ministries agreed in January on a NIS 21 million budget to cover price supports to vegetable growers. To discourage large surpluses for the rest of the year, the state will lower price supports on onions, garlic, eggplants, carrots and peppers, but preserve compensation levels on tomatoes and cucumbers.

Jose Rosenfeld

Czech company sues for breakup of local firm: A Czech construction firm, Montovena, yesterday asked the Tel Aviv District Court to order the liquidation of the Aproxim real estate firm, owned by the Nissim Gaon/Noga group, to satisfy what Montovena says is a NIS 40 million debt.

Montovena says it built a project for Aproxim of 581 apartments in Kiryat Gat, and the debt is related to that work. Aproxim's response has yet to be submitted.

Ilim

Bank Leumi and the Japanese Daiwa Institute of Research yesterday signed a cooperation agreement, marking the first time an Israeli bank has signed an agreement of this kind with a Japanese financial company.

Daiwa Institute is a subsidiary of Daiwa Securities, the second largest investment bank in Japan and one of the leading investment banks worldwide, with more than 10,000 workers. The group has a shareholders equity of about \$9 billion. According to the agreement, Bank Leumi and Daiwa will cooperate in the field of investments in Israel and Japan, as well as the execution of joint projects.

Galit Lipkis Beck

ISD to license technologies from M-Systems: Information Storage Devices of California has signed a letter of intent with M-Systems Flash Disk Pioneers to license certain technologies and other assets from both M-Systems and subsidiary Eurom. The proposed purchase price is estimated at \$10.4 million. ISD intends to establish a subsidiary, ISD Israel, which would purchase Eurom's assets relating to voice recording chip technology, hire Eurom's personnel and purchase certain technology rights from M-Systems.

Rachel Neiman

Compromise sought on money taken from Histadrut pensions: State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat, the Histadrut and the Knesset State Control Committee are moving toward a compromise on whether Hevrat Ha'ovdim must repay the NIS 500 million it "stole" from the Histadrut pension funds by taking out unlinked, low-interest loans from them.

Histadrut Treasurer Haim Oran said the organization cannot afford to repay the money, but was willing to admit its guilt in exchange for dropping any claims against it. Ben-Porat and State Control Committee chairman David Magen (Likud) said an admission of guilt might be enough to drop or at least lower the claims for compensation against the organization, but will make a final decision at a later date.

Evelyn Gordon

Poll: Most want banks banned from advising clients on securities

A DAY after the Knesset voted to allow banks to continue to advise clients on investments in securities, an Israel Radio poll showed a majority of the public is against this.

According to a Gallup Poll conducted for the Color of Money radio show, Israel Radio's economics program, 55 percent of the public want the banks banned from offering such advice, 26% want them to continue offering the service and 19% have no opinion.

Of those in favor of taking the service out of the banks' hands, 59% said they support doing so, even if they have to pay for such advice

elsewhere; 18% would have the banks continue offering the service if they had to pay elsewhere and 23% had no opinion.

Some 35% of those polled had received such investment counseling from the banks in the past two years, with 41% dissatisfied with the advice they received. A total of 29% said they were satisfied, 27% had no opinion and 3% did not respond.

The poll was conducted Monday and Tuesday, while the Knesset was discussing the matter, and included 553 interviewees 18 and older, with a 4.5% margin of error.

(Ilim)

Tax receipts increase 9% to NIS 7.4 billion last month

JOSE ROSENFELD

TAX receipts rose nine percent to NIS 7.4 billion last month from last July, State Revenues Director Tsipi Gal-Yam reported yesterday.

During the first seven months of the year, tax revenues increased 5% from the same period last year, reaching NIS 49.1b. However, adjusting for legislative tax changes and tax payments transferred to the Palestinian Authority, which reduced the tax base, revenues rose 8%.

Income and property tax revenues were up 6% to NIS 3.9b. Since January, revenues have risen 7%, reflecting a jump in individual income tax receipts, despite reductions in individual and corporate income taxes.

Property tax receipts continued dropping last month, as housing purchases moderated after revenues doubled in the past six years.

Customs and Value Added Taxes soared 13% in real terms to

NIS 3.3b.

During the first seven months of the year, customs and VAT receipts rose 2%.

However, when adjusting for customs and purchase tax reductions, and tax transfers to the Palestinians, VAT and customs receipts rose 6%.

VAT refunds expanded by 6% in the past seven months, reflecting the country's consumption binge during that period.

Last month, car imports jumped 30% to 12,000 cars, compared with the same period last year.

According to the Treasury, the sharp rise in car imports may represent an adjustment to the moderate 5% increase during the first half of the year.

Imports of laundry washers fell 20%, dishwashers 9% and televisions 9%.

By contrast, refrigerator imports shot up 55% and video recorders 54%.

'S' indicator rises 0.5% in June

JOSE ROSENFELD

THE Bank of Israel's "S", or state of the economy, indicator rose 0.5 percent in June, as industrial production and consumer spending increased and imports moderated.

According to the central bank, the rise points to the continued rapid expansion in economic activity, although at a slower pace

than in the previous five months.

Retail sales rose 0.3% in June after falling 1.2% in May. By contrast, imports fell 5.2%, after dropping 1.1% in May.

Industrial production was up 0.5% in May based on a partial sample of industries.

Since the beginning of the year, the index does not include figures for the number of jobs in the business sector due to work sanctions at the National Insurance Institute.

During the first half of the year, the index increased 6.6%, compared with a rise of 4.7% in the same period last year.

ECI Telecom posts rise in net profits

RACHEL NEIMAN

ECI TELECOM yesterday reported a 14 percent rise in net profits to \$21.6 million from \$18.94m. in the same quarter last year.

Revenues went up 17% to \$110m. from \$93.9m., while earnings per share increased to \$0.29 from \$0.25.

Net profits for the six-month period increased to \$42.14m. from \$36.85m.

Revenues rose to \$217.43m. from \$178.66m. Earnings per share rose to \$0.56 from \$0.48.

Second quarter results were affected by a growth in sales of DCME and Access Network products, which rose 23% and 49% respectively.

North American sales of both products increased 34%.

ECI said that despite the unfavorable dollar-shekel exchange rate, it maintained better than expected gross margins due to increased manufacturing efficiency and cost-reduction programs.

Gross margins for the second quarter remained stable at 52%.

ECI also announced it has won a \$2.8m. contract from the Posts and Telecommunications Administration of Mongolia.

Magic Software suffers \$887,000 net loss

COMPANY RESULTS

RACHEL NEIMAN

MAGIC Software Industries yesterday reported a net loss of \$887,000 in the second quarter, compared with a net loss of \$146,000 in the same period last year.

Revenues fell to \$5.3m. from \$5.68m.

Net losses for the six month period were \$1.58m., compared with net losses of \$371,000 in the same period last year.

Revenues went up to \$10.1m. from \$9.94m.

Magic president David Assia said second quarter losses were "well within our expectations."

The company begins shipping Magic version 6 for Windows during the third quarter which, Assia predicts will lead to "growing revenues and profits for the rest of the year."

Healthcare Technologies reported a second quarter net profit of \$132,000, compared with a net loss of \$4,000 during the same period last year.

Revenues rose to \$2.31 million from \$2m.

Net profit for the first six months of the year were \$285,000, compared with a net loss of \$91,000 during the comparable 1994 period.

Revenues rose 16% to \$4.41m. from \$3.8m.

Increases for the first half year were due to a growth in sales of diagnostic products, Serolisa Chlamydia kits and Disladi.

Sales of HIV kits are beginning in certain countries. In addition, the company has consolidated 50% of distributor Gamidor, UK.

President Yeshayahu Yakir said the company was in the process of conducting due diligence for the merger of Healthcare sub-

siary Savyon Diagnostics and Organics.

"If consummated, the merger would permit Healthcare to reach a broader customer base in Central and South America, and Asia," he said.

Technomatix posted a 109% rise in quarterly net profits to \$1m. from \$480,000 during the same period last year.

Revenues rose to \$8.6m. from \$5.4m. Earnings per share went up to \$0.12 from \$0.06.

Net profits for the half-year period were \$1.6m., compared with a net loss of \$3m. in the same period last year.

Net profits for the 1994 period included a \$3.89m. one-time expense on a subsidiary acquisition. Revenues went up to \$15.45m. from \$10.3m.

Modgal posted a rise in second quarter net profits to NIS 1.739m. from NIS 1.747 during the same period last year.

Quarterly revenues went up to NIS 14.8m. from NIS 13.16m. Earnings per share rose to NIS 0.20 from NIS 0.19.

Net profits for the first half of the year increased to NIS 3.9m. from NIS 3.6m.

Revenues rose to NIS 31.14m. from NIS 27.86m. Earnings per share went up to NIS 0.44 from NIS 0.40.

Ratio Oil Exploration quarterly net losses were NIS 708,776, compared with net losses of NIS 3m. during the same period last year.

Revenues fell to NIS 804,161 from NIS 1m.

Net losses for the six month period were NIS 5.09m., compared with net losses of NIS 5.05m. during the same period last year.

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Swiss franc	0.620	0.634	Buy	4.797
Dutch guilder	3.301	3.355	Sell	0.628
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Spanish peseta (100)	1.041	1.060	Sell	0.620
Egyptian pound	3.071	3.083	Buy	1.041
Irish punt	1.828	1.832	Sell	3.071
Portuguese escudo (200)	4.867	4.978	Buy	1.828
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Other stock market indexes

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Graf's father arrested for income tax evasion

FRANKFURT (AP) — The father of top-ranked women's tennis player Steffi Graf was arrested at his home yesterday on suspicion of tax evasion, state prosecutors said.

The arrest warrant was issued Monday, but was executed when authorities feared Peter Graf, who is also his daughter's manager, might flee Germany to avoid prosecution, said a statement issued by the prosecutor's office in Mannheim.

The arrest warrant said Mr. Graf did not file a tax return for four years, and when he did, on estimated income of DM 35 million (\$25m), he paid only one-fifth of that income in taxes. In Germany, a 50 percent tax rate would be more normal in that income bracket.

German newspapers reported last month that

Miss Graf and her father were under investigation by tax inspectors.

After winning the Wimbledon tournament, Miss Graf had told ZDF television in an interview that she did not know what the 15 inspectors were looking for when they searched the family home at Brühl on May 23.

She said in the television she felt sure that her accountants and her father had acted "totally correctly," and that irregularities would be cleared up.

She also told *Der Spiegel* magazine she was considering retiring and leaving Germany.

Graf's fortune from tennis tournaments and endorsements in her 13-year career is estimated at \$70m. She has won \$1,388,855 this year in tennis tournaments.

McCall recants revenge remarks

LONDON (AP) — World heavyweight champion Oliver McCall fought hard yesterday to dilute comments he made about seeking revenge on Frank Bruno for the tragic injuries of his friend Gerald McClellan.

McCall has been called before the British Boxing Board of Control after saying he would do to Bruno what his fellow Briton Nigel Benn did to McClellan. McClellan and Bruno fight for the WBC title next month.

At a joint press conference yesterday, McCall claimed he did not say he wanted to "turn Bruno into a vegetable" as some British tabloids alleged he did.

"I don't hold Frank responsible, he wasn't in the ring... I don't hold Nigel Benn responsible," McCall said. "I have severe brain injuries after being knocked out by Benn in their WBC super-middleweight title fight in London in February. He was recently released from a Milwaukee hospital and has minimal eyesight and hearing, can't talk and can only walk with assistance."

McCall will be making his second defense after taking the title off Lennox Lewis at Wembley last September. He retained his title with a 12-round points decision over Larry Holmes in April.

Player split possible in SA, says Stransky

CAPE TOWN (Reuters) — Springbok fly-half Joel Stransky said yesterday South Africa's rugby union players could split between the rival pay-for-play plans of Rupert Murdoch and Kerry Packer.

Stransky, the hero of South Africa's World Cup victory over New Zealand in June, gave a guarded welcome to the proposals of Packer's World Rugby Corporation, reported to be offering signing-on fees ranging from the equivalent of \$77,000 to \$282,000, with three-year contracts of \$160,000 to \$228,500 a year for international players.

Murdoch's media empire signed a 10-year, \$550 million television contract to bankroll matches involving the southern hemisphere giants Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

NatWest Trophy semifinals set

LONDON (Reuters) — Yorkshire will face Northamptonshire, and Glamorgan goes up against Warwickshire in the semifinals of the NatWest Trophy, following yesterday's draw. The matches will be played next Tuesday.

Ivanisevic through to 2nd round in LA

LOS ANGELES (Reuters) — Top seed Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia, second seed Michael Stich of Germany and third seed Jim Courier of the US cruised to easy victories on Tuesday in first-round play at the \$303,000 Infiniti Open Tennis Championships.

Ivanisevic routed Kenneth Carlsen of Denmark 6-2, 6-4. Stich defeated Italy's Gianluca Pozzi 6-4, 6-2 and Courier eliminated Mexican Alejandro Hernandez 6-3, 6-2.

There was one upset as sixth seed Mark Woodforde of Australia was beaten by Shuzo Matsuno of Japan 6-2 2-6 6-2.

Forty-two-year-old Jimmy Connors was granted a wild card entry but fell 6-4, 6-4 to Cristiano Caratti of Italy.

In Tuesday's women's action at Carlsbad, California, top-seeded Spaniards Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and Conchita Martinez each dropped a set in winning second-round matches at the \$430,000 Toshiba Tennis Classic.

Sanchez Vicario, the top seed, survived against Canadian Patricia Hy-Boulais 6-2, 2-6, 6-2, and the second-seeded Martinez, the 1994 Wimbledon champion, struggled past Beate Reinastler of Austria 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 in a 2 hour, 5 minute baseline battle.

"When I won the first set I was feeling very good," said Sanchez Vicario, the world's second-ranked player. "But I started leaving the ball a little shorter and she started taking advantage of that, and started attacking."

Sanchez Vicario, however, re-

gained control and raced to a 5-1 lead in the decisive set before serving out the 1 hour, 46 minute match against the world's 69th-ranked player.

"I started playing deep again and moving the ball much better, and taking control," said Sanchez Vicario, who has been runner-up to Steffi Graf here the last two years.

Third seed Mary Pierce of France captured the first nine games before powering past American Erika De Lone 6-0, 6-3 in 62 minutes.

"I just felt great. Everything was working well," said Pierce, who yielded just eight points in the 18-minute first set. "I was expecting a little bit more of a battle."

Sixth seed Natasha Zvereva of Belarus was flat after a three-week layoff and fell to Sandrine Testud of France 6-3, 6-4. Tenth seed Amanda Coetzer of South Africa was bounced by Al Sungu of Japan 7-5 6-0. American Sandra Cacic beat 14th seed Angelica Gavaldon of Mexico 6-3 6-3.

Martinez had not played on hardcourts in five months and it showed. The Spaniard appeared frustrated throughout as her array of heavy topspin and sliced ground strokes either exploded for winners or ended in sloppy mistakes.

Despite the spotty effort, the third-ranked Martinez was happy to get the second-round match out of the way in her first meeting with Reinastler, ranked 74th.

GOTHENBURG — The name Johnson could again dominate the headlines from a major athletics championship over the next two weeks — but this time for all the right reasons.

Seven years after his Canadian namesake Ben Johnson gained worldwide notoriety for testing positive for steroids and being stripped of the 100 meters gold medal at the Seoul Olympics, American Michael Johnson could emerge as the outstanding athlete with three gold medals from the fifth world championships which get underway on Friday.

Johnson competes in two individual events in which he goes for a unique double in the 200m and 400m — and is also certain to run the anchor leg in the American 4x400 relay team, in which he should pick up his third gold.

Fittingly, he will run in both the first and last men's track events staged at the rebuilt Ullevi Stadium over the nine days of competition.

His opening 400 round is on Saturday morning, the relay closes the competition on August 13 — by which time Johnson's relaxed but devastatingly fast running style, should have left its imprint on the championships.

Although he is the fastest man in both his distances this year — and has not been beaten in the 400 for five years — Johnson will not have things all his own way in either event.

Compatriot and world record holder Harry "Buck" Reynolds and American Derek Mills, among others, will be challenging him strongly in the 400, and reigning champion Frankie Fredericks of Namibia, as well as Olympic and world 100 champion Linford Christie and his British compatriot John Regis, will be after him in the 200.

Christie, 35, is himself going for a sprint double in the 100 and 200.

Despite a traumatic summer on and off the track, in which he has announced his retirement and suffered the death of his mother, Christie starts as the favorite to retain his 100 title and medal in the 200.

If this is his last major championship, he is likely to go out of the 100, his specialist event, at the very pinnacle.

Donovan Bailey of Canada, (9.91 seconds) and Olapade Adeniken of Nigeria (9.92), on paper at least, could challenge Christie, but the Briton demolished Bailey over the rarely run



ARTSPACE — A giant mural in Gothenburg announces the World Athletic Championships which begin on Friday. (Reuters)

While Christie may be making his farewell championship appearance, one man who has no intention of retiring soon is Algeria's middle-distance king, Noureddine Morceli.

With two world records already achieved this summer in the 1,500 and 2,000, Morceli is virtually certain to retain the 1,500 title he won in Stuttgart two years ago. On current form the only man who could seriously challenge him in the 1,500m in Sheffield, England, last week, and his main challenger could well be American Mike Marsh, who has run a windy 9.29 this year, and is eager to add another gold to his Olympic 200

threaten him is Venuste Nyongabo of Burundi, although Hicham El Guerrouj of Morocco, who is still only 20 and won the world indoor 1,500 title in Morocco's absence in March, could be one to watch.

The men's field events are likely to produce some riveting competitions following recent world records in both the long jump and triple jump.

The long jump may fall on Saturday when Cuban Nymy Pedrosa, 22, leapt 8.96m at high altitude in Sestriere, Italy, adding one centimeter to the record defending champion American Mike Powell set when he first won the title four years ago in Tokyo.

However, Pedrosa's world-record long jump was put in doubt when witnesses reported seeing a person standing close to the wind gauge, which could have given an incorrect reading of the wind speed at the time of the Cuban's jump. The IAAF said it would review the Pedrosa's jump on video tape.

Powell has been out of sorts this summer, but cannot be discounted, although the great Carl Lewis, now 35, who took three golds in the inaugural worlds back in 1983 and has since won a record 10 world championships medals, will do well to get a medal in the long jump this time, an event he won in both 1983 and 1987.

Cubans now hold the world long jump and high jump records but Britain's Jonathan Edwards has triple jumped further than anyone in history. He has already cleared 18m four times this season.

All of those jumps were too windy for world record purposes, although he did legally add a centimeter to American Willie Banks' 10-year-old world record of 17.97.

While Edwards has jumped further than anyone in athletics history, the incomparable Ukrainian Sergei Bubka has gone higher than anyone else, with more than 30 indoor and outdoor pole vault world records to his name.

He is the only man to have won his event at all four previous world championships, and starts as favorite to do so again this time, although South African Okkert Brits, who became only the third man in history after Bubka and Russian Rodion Galtulin, to clear 6m at Sestriere on Saturday, is capable of a strong tilt at the gold. (Reuters, AP)

Phillies snap skid, move up on Braves

ATLANTA (AP) — Kevin Elster tripled in three runs and Tony Longmire had a tie-breaking sacrifice fly as the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Atlanta Braves 4-3 on Tuesday.

The victory snapped a three-game losing streak by the Phillies and cut Atlanta's lead to seven games.

Charlie Hayes led off the sixth with a double, took third on a fly ball and scored on Longmire's drive to center off starter Steve Avery (4-7).

The Phillies took a 3-0 lead in the fourth on a bases-loaded triple by Elster, who was 2-for-14 (.143) prior to the hit.

Sid Fernandez (2-1) had a no-hitter for 4 1/2 innings before Chipper Jones hit a three-run homer to tie it.

Heathcliff Slocumb pitched the ninth and struck out the side for his 25th save.

Ron Gant doubled in two runs, Thomas Howard had a solo homer

and Pete Schourek took a no-hitter into the sixth for Cincinnati.

Schourek (11-5) allowed five hits over seven innings.

The Reds scored all four runs off Pete Harnisch (2-8).

In the sixth, Schourek allowed consecutive singles to Jose Vizcaino, pinch-hitter Damon Buford, Brett Butler and Edgardo Alfonzo to score one run. Carl Everett grounded into a double play to score another run.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	54	39	.581	-
Philadelphia	48	41	.539	7
Los Angeles	43	46	.483	12
Florida	36	48	.429	17
New York	35	53	.398	19.5

Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	54	32	.627	-
St. Louis	51	37	.579	4
Chicago	44	44	.500	11
Pittsburgh	36	50	.418	18
St. Louis	37	52	.416	18.5

West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	48	40	.551	-
San Diego	45	43	.511	3
San Francisco	41	47	.465	7.5
San Francisco	40	48	.455	8.5

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Blue Jays 12, Orioles 10

Domingo Cedeño's three-run homer capped a six-run top of the ninth inning.

The rally came against Baltimore closer Doug Jones (0-4), who gave up all six runs before getting an out in the ninth.

Toronto's comeback overshadowed Bobby Bonilla's first home run for Baltimore, a three-run shot that had given the Orioles a 9-6 lead in the sixth.

Red Sox 13, Tigers 3

John Valentin drove in a career-high six runs for visiting Boston. Valentin hit a two-run homer off Mike Moore in the third before adding another in the fifth.

TUESDAY'S NL RESULTS: Florida 5, Montreal 2; Cincinnati 4, New York 3; Philadelphia 4, Atlanta 3; Houston 5, St. Louis 6; Los Angeles 5, Colorado 6; San Francisco 4, San Diego 3.

TUESDAY'S AL RESULTS: Minnesota 6, Cleveland 5; Boston 13, Detroit 3; Toronto 12, Baltimore 10; New York 7, Milwaukee 5; Chicago 4, Kansas City 3; Oakland 4, Texas 3 (1); California 7, Seattle 2.

ing two-run singles in both the fourth and fifth.

Mike Greenwell, Mo Vaughn and Troy O'Leary also hit home runs for Boston, which raked four Tiger pitchers for 15 hits.

White Sox 4, Royals 3

Dave Righetti pitched into the eighth inning and Craig Grebeck scored a run and drove in another for host Chicago.

Righetti (2-0) allowed two runs on six hits, walked two and struck out four in his third start.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	49	38	.563	-
New York	44	42	.512	4.5
Baltimore	43	44	.494	6
Detroit	40	48	.455	10
Toronto	39	48	.448	10

Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	59	27	.686	-
Minnesota	42	45	.483	17.5
Kansas City	41	44	.482	17.5
Chicago	38	48	.442	21
Minnesota	31	56	.356	28.5

West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	55	33	.625	-
Texas	44	44	.500	11
Seattle	43	45	.489	12
Oakland	42	46	.477	14

Alabama football on three-year probation

TUSCALOOSA (AP) — The NCAA today put Alabama's football program on three years probation, banning the Crimson Tide from playing in a bowl game after this season and forfeiting 11 games in 1993 when an ineligible athlete played.

Alabama, although not banned from television appearances, will lose perhaps two dozen or more scholarships over the three years.

The NCAA cited the Tide football program, which has never been on probation during decades of prominence including six national crowns, with exhibiting "a distressing failure of institutional control."

Alabama was censured for three chief reasons:

● A player obtained from boosters six impermissible deferred-payment loans totaling \$24,400.

● Another player was allowed to play in 12 regular season games in 1993 even though he had signed with an agent and athletic officials were aware that a potential violation of rules had occurred.

● The school's faculty athletics representative provided "false and misleading information" to the NCAA.

No names were given in the release, but former player Gene Jelks was listed in previous documents for receiving improper help from boosters, and Antonio Langham admitted signing with an agent after the 1993 Sugar Bowl when Alabama won a national title.

Langham told coach Gene Stallings something about the signing, and Stallings conferred with Athletic Director Hootie Ingram, but the NCAA was not alerted until the season was almost over.

The forfeiture of games puts an ugly asterisk on the Tide's record book. The 1993 team was 8-2-1.

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Jason Scott Lee is Mowgli and Cary Elwes is Major Boone in the live-action adventure 'Jungle Book,' based on the characters from Rudyard Kipling's book. (Frank Connor)

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HELEN KAYE

FORGET elephants. The original Chinese Circus is in town at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center. That's acrobats, acrobats and more acrobats in dazzling exhibitions that exploit everything from chairs to motor bikes combined with a gravity-defying sense of balance. Today at 11 a.m., 3:30 and 7 p.m. Tomorrow and Saturday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Take the kids.

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

NISSAN Nativ's graduating student actors close a week of theater-dominated by Russia's great playwrights. Yelena Kreindlin directs Gogol's *Matchmaking* at the Jerusalem studio tonight at 8:30 p.m. and tomorrow at 2 p.m. (Hebrew)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE last three days of the Kfar Blum chamber

music festival feature seven concerts. At 5 today, there is music by Mendelssohn, Schumann, Gershwin and Purcell, and at 9 you can enjoy chamber works by Poulenc, Beethoven, Messiaen, Janacek, Schutts and Schein. At 5 tomorrow, you can hear two world premieres: Moshe Zorman's *Galilean Suite* and Albert Piamenta's *Bachiatik Galileo* for oud, saxophone, percussion and piano. Also on the program are works by Bach and Villa Lobos, and three songs by Sasha Argov presented by Anat Efrati, Dan Etinger and Menahem Wiesenberg at the piano.

FILMS

ADINA HOFFMAN

THE JUNGLE BOOK If you've felt a funny urge this summer to indulge your children in a little post-colonialist historical revisionism, courtesy of Walt Disney, by all means forget *Pocahontas* and take them to see *The Jungle Book*. A live-action version of the Rudyard Kipling classic, the movie spills with color and wonder a whole safari's worth. Most notably, the filmmakers have managed to tone down Kipling's politically ultra-incorrect worldview without laundersing the story of all its swashbuckling fun. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested for younger children.)

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6:30 News 6:45 Cartoons 7:00 Good Morning Israel

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ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Encounter 19:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS

19:30 Candid camera with Yigal Shilon 20:00 Mabat 21:00 Trump Card 21:30 Culture magazine 22:15 Personal Interest 22:40 Northern Exposure 23:30 News magazine

CHANNEL 2

10:00 Yosef the Storyteller (rpt) 10:30 Thunderbirds 11:00 Duck Tales 11:30 Tale Spin 12:00 Grand News 13:00 Disney series (45 mins) (rpt) 13:00 Plaster (rpt) 13:05 Gevillan - adventure 14:00 Under African Skies - adventure 14:30 Tick Tack 15:00 Robocop 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 Rescue at Five 17:30 Plaster 18:00 Chic - fashion magazine 18:30 Home Improvement 19:30 Lucky Guy 20:00 News 20:30 America's Funniest People 20:45 The Price is Right - local game show 21:20 Cinema 2: Lover Boy (1989) - comedy about a pizza boy's over-the-top activities with a bevy of older women. Starring Patrick Swayze and Sally Field (90 mins) 22:30 The Harel Family - local sitcom 00:00 News 00:05 Ticket for Love 00:30 News 00:35 Love Hurts 01:30 The Building - comedy 01:55 Real Food of China 02:20 Secret Weapon

CHANNEL 3

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FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

Weiss: Knesset behavior better, but still bad

THE turmoil in the Knesset over the past few days has not reached the depths plumbed in past years, but it is still very worrying, Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss said yesterday.

Meanwhile, a summary of Knesset activity he distributed shows that contrary to the government's repeated claims, the number of no-confidence motions has actually decreased 31.1 percent in this Knesset, the 13th, compared to the 12th Knesset.

"This Knesset has not yet de-

scended to what was said [in previous years]," Weiss told reporters, citing the example of leftist MKs who called Herut members "fascists" in 1950 - to which the Herut responded by calling them "red fascists."

"Do you know what that was, to call someone a fascist in 1950?" he asked.

Similarly, he said, the uproar that accompanied the debate on the Camp David Accords was worse

than anything that has happened so far this term.

However, he said, this does not justify the behavior of opposition MKs over the past few days.

"I sense a transition from a vibrant, effervescent, temperamental parliamentarianism... to repeated attempts at obstructionism," he said, distinguishing between "legitimate" parliamentary tricks, such as filibusters, and illegitimate ones,

such as MKs trying to bait the speaker into throwing them out by obstreperous behavior.

"They are bringing about a situation in which the parliamentary tools that are the heart of democracy will collapse," he warned.

Weiss particularly blamed opposition leaders for not doing enough to keep their party members in line. "The silence of any leadership

gives a license to continue on the route to the destruction of parliamentary life in Israel," he said.

The no-confidence statistics show that during the first three years of this Knesset, there have been only 91 motions, compared to 132 during the first three years of the 12th Knesset. Weiss explained that when Labor left the national unity government in 1990, it adopted a trick initiated by Kach leader Meir Kahane and began submitting weekly no-confidence motions.

"The no-confidence motion is an

essential tool of the opposition," he added. "But a such a quantity creates contempt for this institution."

Weiss noted that only once has a government actually fallen due to a no-confidence vote: the "sinking maneuver" of 1990. However, he recounted, Kahane once almost toppled the government singlehandedly, because Labor and Likud, then in a national unity government, made a point of boycotting the motions - and barely got a second MK into the plenum in time to add his vote to the Speaker's to save the government.

Inquiry probes Yemenite mass graves

MEMBERS of the commission investigating the disappearance of Yemenite children in the state's early years yesterday visited the 100-year-old Segula cemetery in Petah Tikva. Burial society members showed them the children's section, where hundreds of children were rumored to have been buried together in 1949.

Committee members checked the burial register to see if names and dates of birth corresponded to what appeared on the tombstones, and the register was found to be accurate. There are suspicions, however, that the graves are empty to hide the fact that the children were turned over for adoption.

Jim

KNESSET BRIEFS

Bill would make parking lots fairer

PARKING lots would only be able to charge for two hours when a full two hours were up, according to a bill approved by the Knesset Economics Committee yesterday. Currently, most lots charge for two hours as soon as the car has been there 61 minutes. The bill, by Yossi Vanunu (Labor), will now be sent to the plenum for its first reading.

Bid for gov't funding of abortions rejected

The Knesset yesterday rejected a bill to provide government funding for abortions. Currently, the government funds abortions only for girls up to age 17. The bill, by Yoram Lass (Labor), was defeated 12-9.

Withholding foreigners' passports illegal

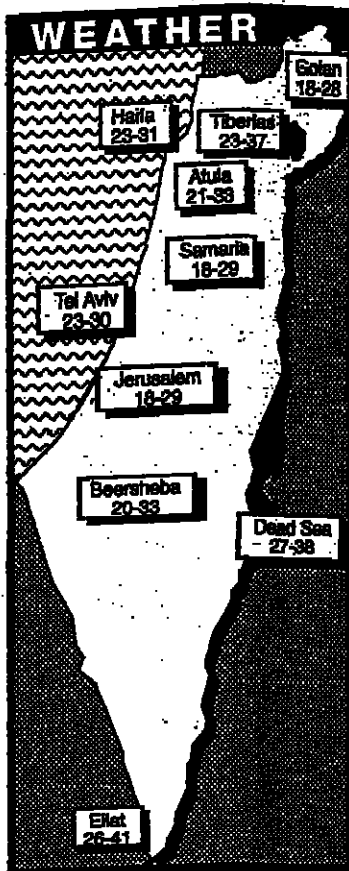
Refusing to give a foreign citizen his passport will be a criminal offense, according to a law approved by the Knesset late Tuesday night. The law, initiated by Avraham Poraz (Meretz), is primarily meant to protect foreign workers from blackmail by employers who confiscate their passports.

Approval for construction to be faster

A law meant to speed up the process of getting approval for construction was passed by the Knesset late Tuesday night. The law will take effect on January 1.



Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball players (left to right) Ron Anderson, Doron Jamchi, Guy Goodes and Motti Daniel take time out from preseason practice yesterday to pose with visiting disabled youngsters from the Israel Variety Club and club director-general Irit Perlman (Shlomi Bochacho)



Forecast: Decline in temperatures.

AROUND THE WORLD

	LOW	HIGH	WIND	CLD
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Berlin	14	67	28	80
Buenos Aires	14	67	28	80
Chicago	14	67	28	80
London	14	67	28	80
Los Angeles	14	67	28	80
Madrid	14	67	28	80
Moscow	14	67	28	80
New York	14	67	28	80
Paris	14	67	28	80
Rome	14	67	28	80
Tel Aviv	14	67	28	80
Yamoubo	14	67	28	80

Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapais daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the queen of spades, seven of hearts, nine of diamonds, and nine of clubs.

Pollard's father calls on son to apologize

JACOB DALLAL

JONATHAN Pollard's father yesterday issued a statement calling on his son to apologize to his lawyer, Nancy Luque, and expressing the family's confidence in Amnon Dror, head of the Israel Public Committee, and Seymour Reich, president of the American Zionist Movement, who have worked for Pollard's release.

This comes in response to a statement released several days ago on the younger Pollard's behalf saying he had fired Luque and was asking Dror and Reich "to disassociate themselves entirely from his case."

"We have every confidence in Amnon Dror and Seymour Reich that they are working for the release of Jonathan, and Jonathan must apologize to Nancy Luque because she has been maligned," Morris Pollard said.

Dror was dumbfounded to learn that Pollard no longer wanted his help.

"My conscience brought me to

work [for Pollard] and that's not going to change because of the mood of Pollard or his wife," he said.

Dror said he always was on very good terms with Pollard, including when he spoke to him last six weeks ago.

The statement released by Pollard's wife, Esther Zeitz-Pollard, explained reason for this Pollard's move was the opposition of Dror and the others to Pollard's efforts to get Israeli citizenship.

Dror said he and Pollard's family received extensive legal advice on the subject and it was everyone's opinion that the step would be inadvisable.

While Pollard could readily receive citizenship under the Law of Return, Dror explained, for Israel to grant it to him while he was in jail in the US would be resented by the Americans and would jeopardize his chances for an early release.

Jailed spy's voice lost in chorus of self-appointed spokesmen for his cause

BACKGROUND
MARILYN HENRY

THERE'S been no shortage of voices raised about Jonathan Pollard over the last few weeks. But this is less a chorus than a cacophony, and the theme has been less about Pollard than who speaks for him.

The most recent flap concerns a statement issued in Jerusalem at the weekend in which Pollard, using intertemporal language, is said to have fired his American attorney, Nancy Luque, and condemned two major supporters, Amnon Dror, head of the Public Committee in Israel, and Seymour Reich, president of the American Zionist Movement.

"These people have put my life in danger," the statement quoted Pollard as saying.

Pollard's family has been described as dumbfounded and disheartened by the statement. They did not comment on it, other than to express vigorous support for Luque, Pollard's attorney in Washington.

The unsigned statement was distributed on the letterhead of CLC, a Jerusalem communications firm owned by Charles Levine.

In a letter of apology to Reich, dated August 1, Levine attributed the statement to Esther Zeitz-Pollard, whom Pollard is said to have married in prison. "We gave Esther free license to work in our office," Levine wrote. "Clearly she drafted the press release in question and circulated [it] totally on her own initiative."

Zeitz-Pollard's initiatives,

most recently on behalf of citizenship for her husband, have vexed Pollard's family and many longtime supporters. They contend that, however well-intentioned, she is an independent operator who either disdains or simply fails to take into account their work on Pollard's behalf. The effect, they say, is that her actions often run roughshod over their years-long efforts to gain Pollard's freedom through parole or a presidential pardon.

Whether Zeitz-Pollard was speaking with the full knowledge and endorsement of Pollard himself also is subject to debate.

"She has a Svengali-like effect on her alleged husband and who can do anything about it?" said Arnold Forster, long associated with the Anti-Defamation League.

Zeitz-Pollard could not be reached for comment.

Pollard was arrested in 1985 and two years later was sentenced to life after pleading guilty to conspiracy on charges related to spying for Israel. He spent five years in solitary confinement, a condition, supporters say, that is bound to affect his judgment.

"Jonathan may or may not be hurt by this bubble of publicity," Forster said. "What he is losing - and it is understandable if he step away - is the support of the people who have done the real job in trying to persuade the American government to deal with him fairly by letting him out."

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